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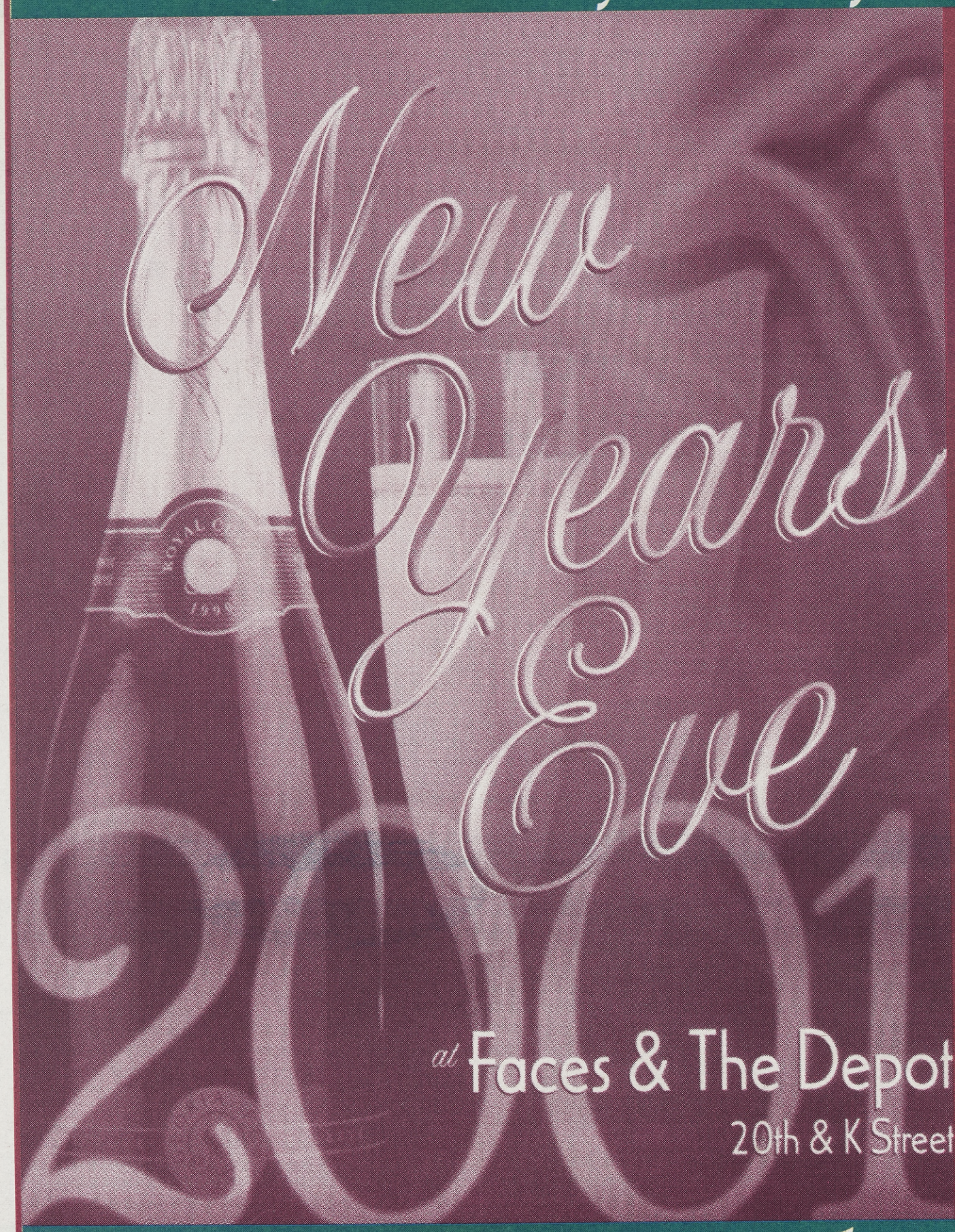

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Study Finds No Problem With LGBT Soldiers

SANTA BARBARA, CA - A classified report by the British Ministry of Defense concluded that the UK's January 2000 decision to lift its ban on LGBT people in the military has not harmed performance, cohesion, or recruitment. The report is the first comprehensive assessment of affects lifting the ban has had.

The Ministry of Defense has not yet acknowledged the report publicly but Ministry officials released a summary of its findings to the Center For The Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM).

Before the U.K.'s decision to lift the ban, Pentagon officials often used the British military as an example of why U.S. military performance would suffer if openly LGBT soldiers were allowed to serve.

The Ministry report and an accompanying University of California study will be addressed at a December 9 conference at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. The conference, titled "Don't Ask, Don't Tell; Is the Gay Ban

Based on Prejudice or Military Necessity?" will include Rob Nunn, an openly gay officer on a British submarine. Info. 415-412-2495, 703-695-0192, www..gaymilitary.ucsb.edu ▼

AFA Creates Student Group To Oppose GSA

JACKSON, MI - Gary Glenn, leader of Christian organization American Family Association (AFA), founded an opposition group to Jackson High School's Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA). The GSA was originally begun to combat increasing suicide, drop out, homelessness and substance abuse rates for LGBT and questioning youth.

Mike Neubecker, Michigan State Council Chair for PFLAG, is the parent of a gay son. He was disturbed to hear of the Glenn's group. "GSA's exist to help make school a safer place to be, especially for GLBT kids. Starting a group in direct opposition to that will do quite the opposite, making schools even less safe for GLBT youth." Info. www.tri.org, 313-537-3323▼

Activists Take Demands For Inclusive Church To Rome

LAGUNA BEACH, CA – Interfaith members from Soulforce and Dignity/USA announced plans to stand vigil outside the Vatican in Rome for several days in protest of the Catholic Church's "spiritual violence" and anti-LGBT doctrines. They will hold a press conference then tape their demands for an inclusive Church to the Vatican's doors. The groups hope for a non-violent protest scheduled for January 5-6.

The action is in response to a 77-page report issued by the Pontifical Council For The Family in mid-November. The document calls LGBT unions "a deplorable distortion" and adoptions by LGBT people "a grave danger."

"Too many Catholics, young and old, are suffering and even dying because the

Vatican refuses to re-examine let alone end their tragic teachings against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people," said Soulforce Board Chair Jimmy Creech.

"We must act, and we must act now!" Info. 949-455-0999, www.soulforce.org ▼

Teen "Who's Who" Shows Support For Equality

WASHINGTON D.C. – Of the teens polled in "Who's Who Among American High School," nearly 40% admitted to being biased against LGBT people. This is a far higher number than those admitting prejudice against any racial, ethnic, or religious group.

However, more teens now support LGBT civil rights than in the past thirty years. Of those surveyed, 78% feel LGBT people should be allowed to serve openly in the military. 74% believe LGBT people should be allowed to teach. 68% believe LGBT people should coach youth sports and 62% believe LGBT Scout leaders are acceptable. More than half believe LGBT people should be able to legally marry and join the clergy. Info. 202-667-0901 ▼

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The Hiding And Outing Of LGBT Seniors

A nursing assistant enters a room without knocking and sees two elderly male residents engaging in oral sex. The two are separated immediately after the assistant notifies her supervisor. Within a day, one man is transferred to a psychiatric ward and placed in four-point restraints. A community health board claims the transfer was a warranted response to "deviant behavior."

This episode, reported in a 1995 article in Contemporary Long Term Care, would not surprise anyone familiar with the experiences of LGBT elders. In a society that desexualizes older people in general, the compounding influence of homophobia fosters a hostile environment for LGBT seniors.

Homophobia and neglect appear widespread in nursing homes. In a recent survey of nursing home social workers, more than half said their co-workers were intolerant of LGBT residents. Most other respondents avoided answering the question. Other studies report that staff in one nursing refused to bathe a resident because they did not want to touch "the lesbian." A home care assistant threatened to out a gay client if he reported her negligent care.

LGBT seniors also experience homophobia in senior services and health care. Over 40% of New York state's Area Agencies On Aging (AAA) report that out seniors are not welcome at their centers. According to a 1994 study, only 19% of LGBT elders were involved with their local senior center. A 1994 survey of physicians and medical students found that half witnessed colleagues provide reduced care or deny care to patients because of their sexual orientation. Of those surveyed, 88% heard colleagues make negative remarks about LGBT patients.

Out baby boomers are increasingly unwilling to retreat to the closet as they age. The LGBT elderly population, currently estimated at 1 to 3 million people, will increase to a projected 4-6 million by 2030. However, the population is severely understudied, and we can only estimate the population's size because most research does not ask about sexual orientation or gender identity.

These findings are included in a ground-breaking study released last month by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force titled "Outing Age: Public Policy Issues Affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders."

Homophobic and heterosexist policies are exacerbated by social isolation that elders often face within the LGBT community itself. Media often ignores seniors and their concerns. Social institutions tend to be age-segregated.

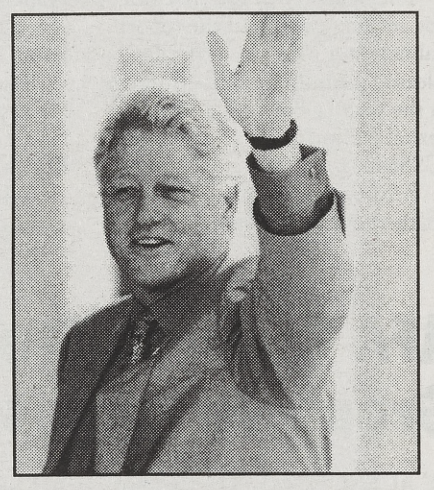
To support LGBT seniors, we must examine our own ageism, value our older members, and recognize their unique concerns. Activists must address aging issues and demand that the needs of all seniors be incorporated into the work of mainstream aging organizations.

Engaging aging policy is not just the right thing to do. It is also in our self-interest. After all, with luck we will all be old and gray someday. Info. 202-332-6483, www.ngltf.org ▼

Clinton Gives True Feelings On Don't Ask, Don't Tell

WASHINGTON, DC - In an article published in "Rolling Stone" magazine, President Bill Clinton refers to the government's policy for LGBT people in the military as the "dumb-ass 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' thing."

C. Dixon Osburn, Co-Executive Director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), could not agree more. "President Clinton clearly sees what so many other leaders and, more importantly, American citizens already know: Don't Ask, Don't Tell simply does not work," he said. "Commanders continue to ask, pursue and harass in direct violation of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass."



According to an interview in "Rolling Stone" magazine, President Bill Clinton does not believe Don't Ask, Don't Tell is implemented correctly by America's military.

Implemented in 1993, the policy led to SLDN's creation after numerous LGBT officers lost their positions when their sexual orientation was disclosed. SLDN provides free legal counsel for service members harmed by the policy and monitors its implementation.

In the interview by Rolling Stone editor Jann S. Wenner, Clinton admits the policy resulted in, "several years of problems where it was not implemented in any way consistent with the speech I gave" announcing adoption of the policy.

He goes on to say the policy was, "a brilliant political move by Republicans who didn't want me to have a honeymoon" during the early days of his administration. President Clinton notes that General Powell agreed with his original remarks on how the policy would work, but makes clear in his interview that those intentions were not carried out. Info. 202-328-3244, ext. 101, www.sldn.org ▼

AB 25 Aimed At Extending Domestic Partner Laws

SACRAMENTO, CA – California Alliance for Pride And Equality (CAPE) sponsored AB 25, a new bill that would extend domestic partner laws to include medical decision making and property inheritance. It will also allow domestic partners to recover damages for negligence, wrongful death, and emotional distress, and extend employer provided health insurance. The bill would allow opposite-sex couples to register as domestic partners if either one or both partners are over the age of 62.

Assemblymember Carole Migden (D - San Francisco) wrote and introduced AB 25. Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg, Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, Assemblymember Christine Kehoe, and Senator Sheila James Kuehl co-authored the bill.

Assemblymember Migden also wrote AB 26, the bill that created the statewide domestic partner registry on January 1, 2000. Under current law, unmarried opposite-sex couples can register as domestic partners if both are over 62 years of age. Domestic partners have hospital visitation rights and government employers who contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System must offer insurance to employees' domestic partners. Info.492-6160, 562-439-7304, www.calcape.org ▼

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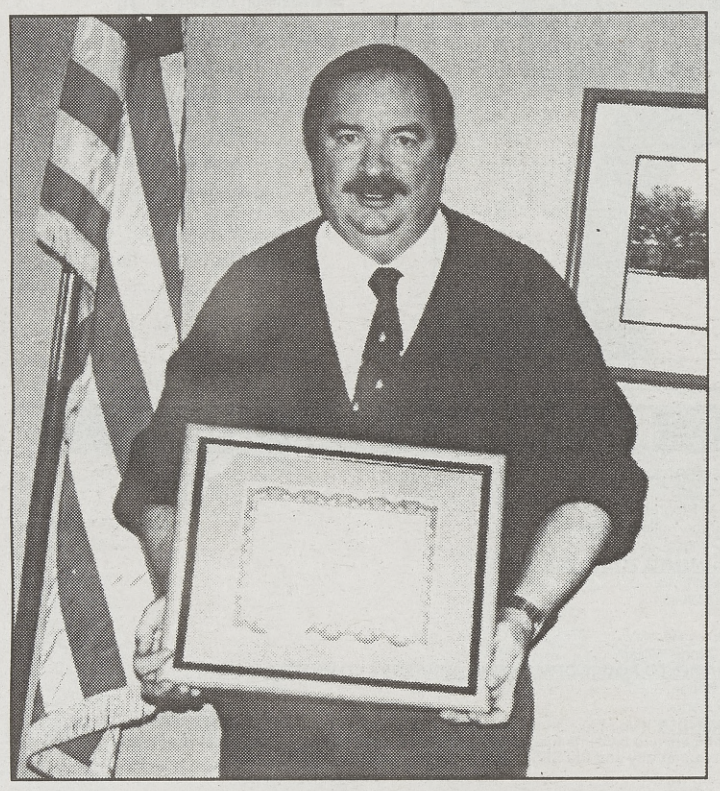
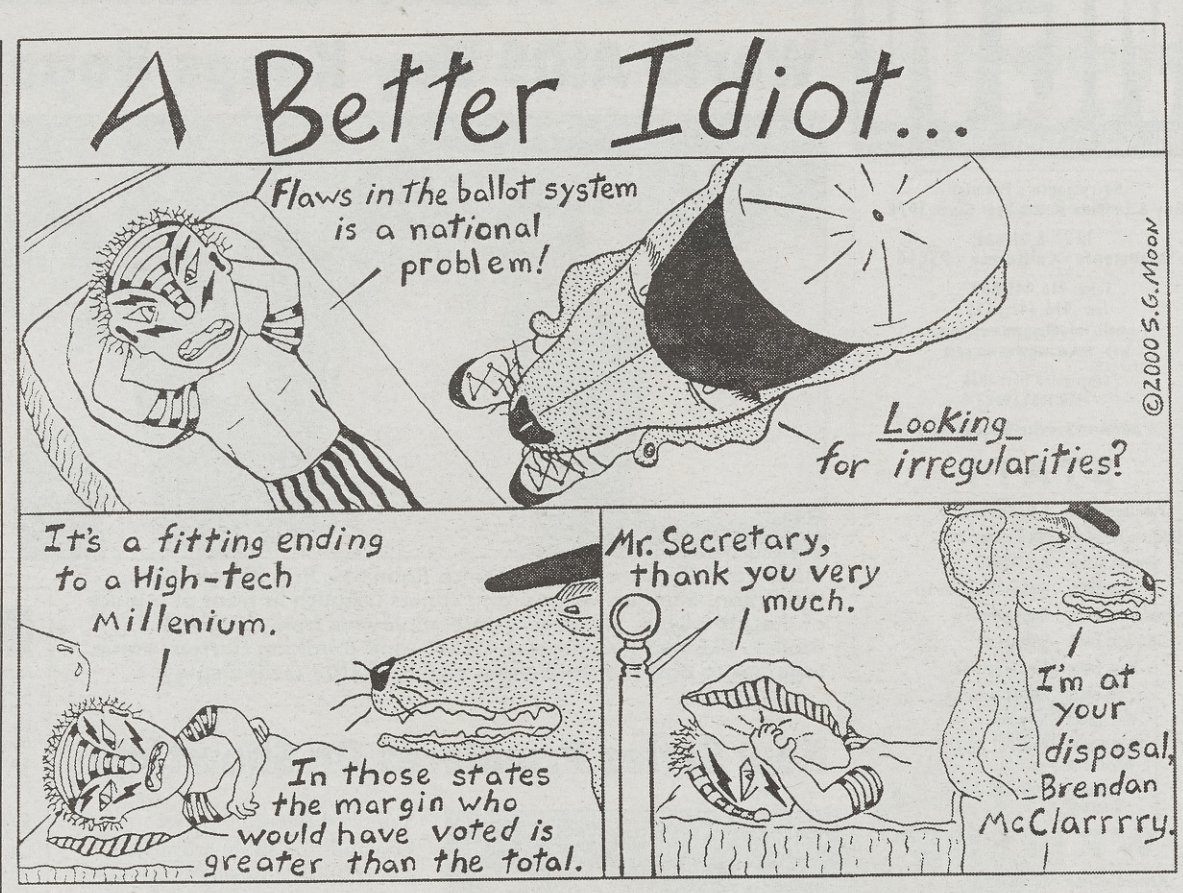


SACRAMENTO, CA – Gary Miller received his Certificate of Election at his inauguration for his fourth ter..: on the Robla School Board. Miller is the only openly LGBT school board official in the county. Mayor-Elect Heather Fargo was unable to swear him in, so Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg did the honors. About two dozen of Miller's friends attended the ceremony. Info. 263-3743 ▼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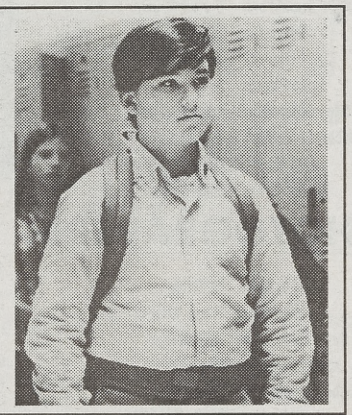

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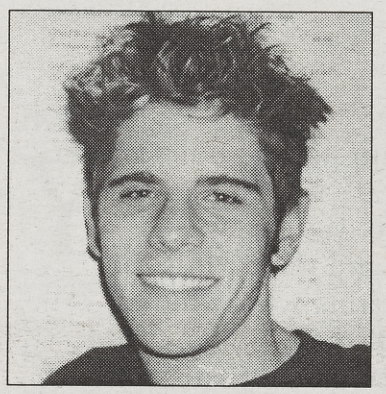
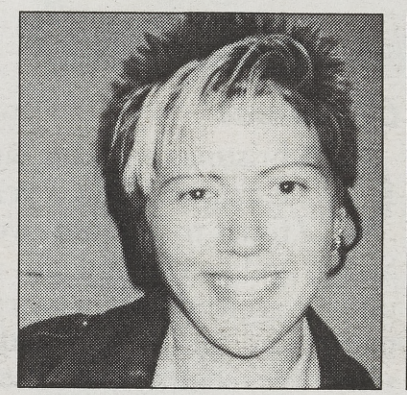


Jimmy Johnson

South Sacramento, California
Customer Service

I overcame my drug abuse, I got a really good job that I love, and I met a lot of cool people this year at Bojangle's.



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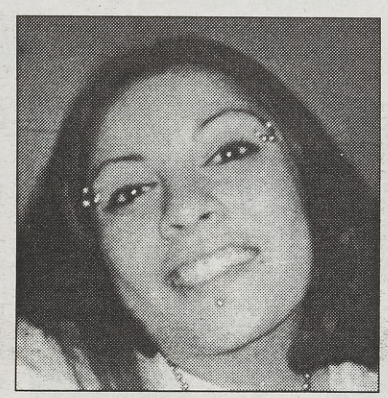

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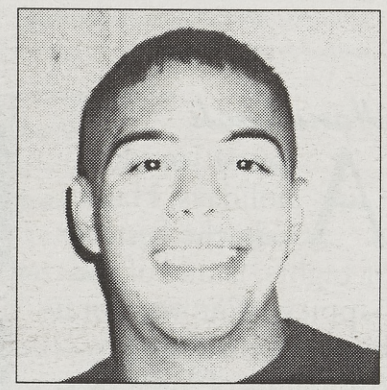
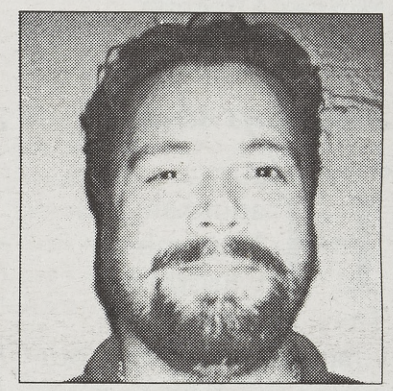


Brandon Turner

Sacramento, California
Boy Toy

I got back together with my boyfriend, I got my Mercedes Coupe, and I met my best friend Peter. I hope everything gets better!



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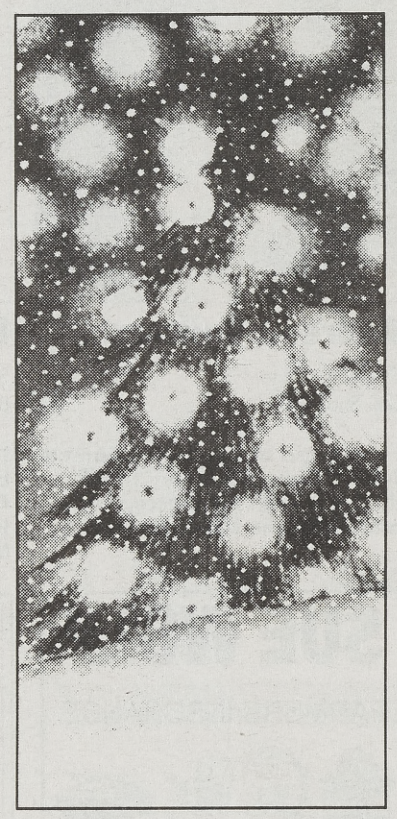
Holidays shine brightly -

Hanukkah Menorahs, Christmas Trees, and sparkling Champagne lighting our way to the New Year. Holidays are occasions that bring old friends, new friends, and family together to share traditions, good times and, of course, good food. As holidays anchor our lives so does what we cook, eat, and give for those celebrations.

Hanukkah

Among Jewish holidays, Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is one of the happiest. Commemorating the defeat of Antiochus of Syria by the Maccabees over two thousand years ago, it also celebrates the miracle of the synagogue lamps, which burned for eight days and nights on one-day's supply of oil. The menorah, one new candle of which is lit each night of the eight-day holiday, symbolizes the miracle, as does the tradition of serving potato pancakes called latkes and dessert fritters.



Christmas

Christmas is such a jam-packed holiday that it can seem like a year's worth of good times rolled into two dazzling weeks. Sacred and secular, solemn and merry, it is the ultimate celebration, a glittering whirlwind of parties and meals, large and small. A happy and sometimes slightly exhausted glow of satisfaction is the mark of a successful host, one who has entertained with style and grace, sharing the good time with loved ones and friends while loving it all. In merry old England there is the traditional Christmas Goose. Here we prefer a standing rib roast, turkey or ham.

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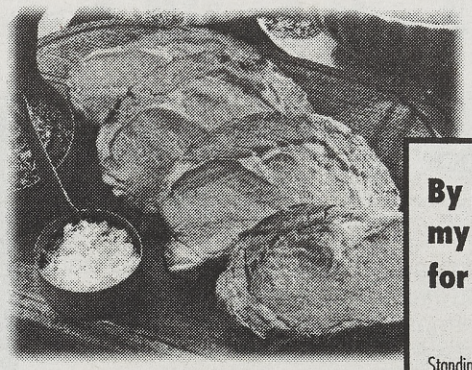

New Year's Eve

Year's end is a mystical time, loaded with significance. Pegged to the very rotation of the planet around the sun, New Year's Eve can hardly be dismissed as just another excuse to party. As the solar system turns silently, some sort of celebration seems inevitable and human. If it has been a good year, we naturally want to send it off in style; if not so good, we also dance and laugh to forget the old and mightily hope for better in the new. New Year's Eve can be spent in a solitary and contemplative way, but most of the time, counting down the start of 365 unknown days ahead we prefer to take strength in numbers.

If you make only one resolution this year, make it one you're going to like keeping. How about resolving to gather you're nearest and dearest around you more often?

As midnight strikes, 2001 will bring in another year of good food, good wine and good times with good friends!

Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a New Year full of all good things! ▼

PRIME RIB

By popular request, my favorite recipe for prime rib follows:

Standing Rib Roast
6 to 8 servings
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
4 minced garlic cloves
1 3- or 4- rib roast, trimmed of excess fat; feather bone and ribs loosened and tied in place (your butcher can help with preparation)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
Combine flour, salt, pepper, paprika and garlic.

Rub roast completely with this mixture. Place roast fat-side up in shallow roasting pan. A rack is not necessary since bones form natural rack. Insert meat thermometer into the thickest part of roast, making sure tip does not touch bone.

To determine roasting time:

Very rare:
15 to 17 minutes per pound or 130 degrees F

Medium rare:
18 to 20 minutes per pound or 150 degrees F

Well done:
22 to 28 minutes per pound or 165 degrees F

When desired doneness is reached, turn heat off, leave oven door ajar, and allow meat to rest twenty minutes. If oven is needed for another purpose, remove roast and let stand in a warm place near the oven. This makes carving easier, and fewer juices will run out onto the platter so the meat will be more succulent. Cut strings, and serve with Horseradish Sauce.

Note: I find that if you cook the roast to 130 degrees, keep it warm under foil and finish your other accompaniments (approximately 30 minutes) the roast is a perfect medium rare when dinner is served. Remember that the meat will be more rare in the middle of the roast. If guests like more medium cooked flavorful end cuts, this should be perfect for them.

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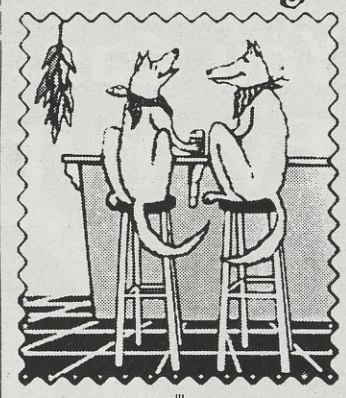

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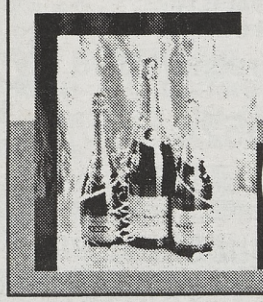

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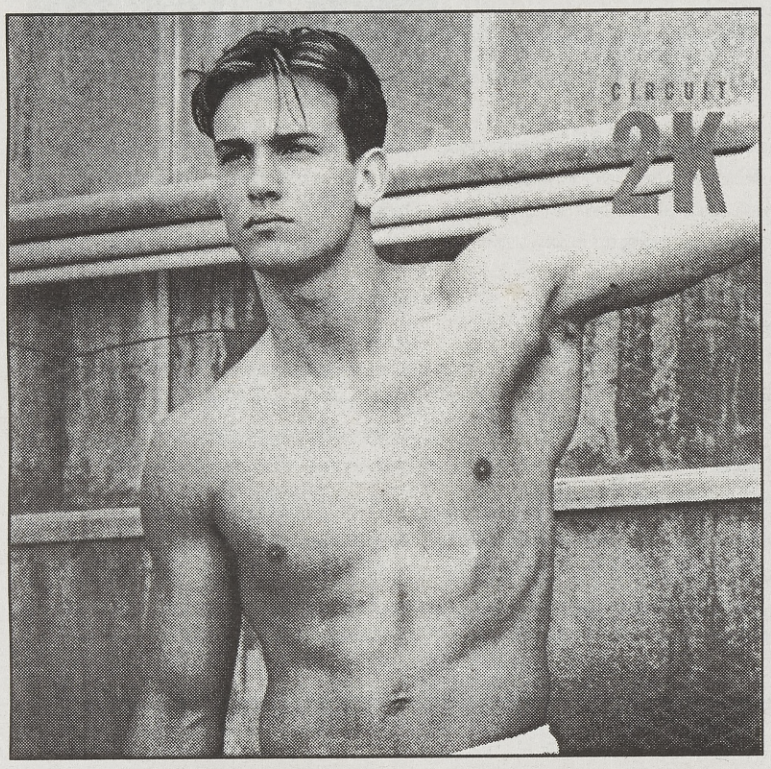

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Once known as the best folk duo in Davis, female musical team **Duval Speck** is still perfecting their brand of blues guitars and poetic vocals. Their live performances are certainly a treat, and any music fan on your gift list will appreciate this CD. Info. duvalspk@jps.net, 530-756-8260 ▼

Keeping The Lavender Light Alive

Lavender Light Gospel Choir. Light In The House. Ladyslipper Records, Inc., Durham, North Carolina, 2000. UPC 60662-56232.

Lavender Light is a racially diverse group of LGBT gospel singers, Their mission is to keep African-American gospel traditions alive and they do it well. This, their second CD, features their renditions of "When The Praises Go Up," "Speak To My Heart," and, "Let It Shine." Info.www.LavenderLight.com, 919-388-8773 ▼

International Photography Contest Seeks Winners

OWING MILLS, MD – The International Library of Photography has announced that over $60,000 in prizes will be awarded at this year's International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers are invited to submit entries by January 31, 2001 to be considered for over 1,300 prizes. Entries are free, but contestant may submit only one black and white unmounted print in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, and Other. Info. www.picture.com, 410-363-4800 ▼

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ENTERTAINMENT: OUT ON FILM

Showing Homer A Bit of the South

By Stephanie Goodner
MGW Staff

" O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Starring George Clooney, Tim Blake Nelson, and John Turturro. Directed by Joel Coen. Rated PG-13. 103 minutes.

Leave it to the **Joel** and **Ethan Coen** ("Fargo") to take **Homer's** "The Odyssey" and turn it into a movie starring escaped convicts, politicians, sirens, racists, soothsayers, and old-time music. Leave it to the Coen Brothers to have it all strangely make sense.

Set in 1937 Mississippi, the story focuses on **George Clooney** as he steps out of his usual sex symbol role into Ulysses Everett McGill - a petty silver-tongued petty criminal with a passion for his hair.

While serving a long prison sentence doing hard labor, he offers hidden treasure to the men chained on both sides of him so that they will escape with him. After all, he can't exactly leave without them. Delmar (**Tim Blake Nelson**) and Pete (**John Turturro**) take the bait and the wild adventure begins.

John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson, and George Clooney play escaped convicts with a mission in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" The film is due in theatres across the country in December.

McGill insists that they have only four days to travel across country to collect the loot before a damn floods his town. This leads to some pretty unreasonable actions in their desperate search for transportation.

They encounter, among other odd people and places, a one-eyed bible salesman, a guitarist who sold his soul to the devil, laundry washing sirens, a mysterious toad, and a **Monty Python** inspired highly choreographed KKK rally.

If you want to know what happens after that, you will have to see the movie. The intricacies of the film would be lost in the translation. I'll tell you this, though – The soothsayer during the film's introduction was right in unimaginable ways.

The all star cast includes **Holly Hunter, Daniel Von Bargen, John Goodman, Michael Badalucco,** and **Charles Durning.**

The music...that is another thing to talk about. The Coen's have long been fans of mountain music, delta blues, and gospel. Ethan says, "The folk aspect of the music both accounts for its vitality and makes it fold naturally into our story without feeling staged or theatrical."

In fact, the music speaks for itself. From the chain gang's chants to the siren's rendition of the African-American lullaby "Didn't Leave Nobody but the Baby." T **Bone Burnett** chose each song carefully, going into his Nashville recording studio with sixty different pieces of music. The soundtrack includes recordings from **Harry "Mac" McClintock, The Stanley Brothers, Alison Krauss, Gillian Welch,** and **John Hartford.**

I found myself grinning like an idiot and tapping my foot watching while watching Clooney sing "I'm a Man of Constant Sorrow" and dance like a hillbilly. But I'm from Oklahoma - what's your excuse? Info. www.studio.go.com/movies/press, www.OBrotherMusic.com

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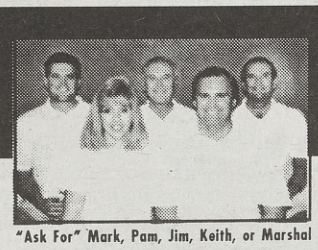
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ENTERTAINMENT: HOLLYWOOD

And That's Not All Folks...

By Gerald Semas
MGW/Staff

FILM –

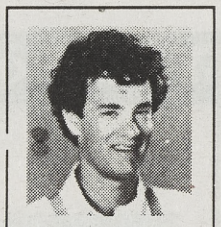
The "Charlies' Angels" film is such a hit, that studios are beating the bushes for other girl ensemble projects. Apparently, one studio didn't feel the need to look very far. Already in production is a film version of the 70's cartoon series "Josie and the Pussycats." Get ready for the live action tale of an all girl rock band that goes from rehearsing in a garage to a national singing sensation. Faster than you can say 'Sugar, Sugar," the gals find it a challenge to retain their original sound and style. Alan Cumming and Parker Posey play the music industry pros that discover the group only to use them in their evil plot to control the youth of America. Wouldn't that make them employees of the Church Of Latter Day Saints? The cast includes Rachael Leigh Cook ("She's All That") as Josie, Tara Reid ("Cruel Intentions") as Melody and Rosario Dawson as Valerie, plus MTV's Carson Daly, Seth Green ("Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me") and Breckin Meyer ("54"). If the film becomes a hit, I'd like to suggest George Lucas to do the sequel. After all, who else would be perfect to direct "Josie And The Pussycats in Outer Space?" ▼▼▼

Former Superman Dean Cain, has been added to the long cast list of "Rat Race," a crazed "Mad, Mad, World" type story about a group of Vegas gamblers racing to New Mexico to win $2 million. If it sounds familiar, you're thinking of a different race involving Dick Dastardly and Penelope Pittstop. This one stars John Cleese, Whoopi Goldberg, Jason Alexander, Seth Green, Kathy Najimy, Rowan Atkinson, and Cuba Gooding, Jr. Cain plays a womanizing state champion sharpshooter, which should certainly wash the taste of that Gay role in "The Broken Hearts Club" out of his mouth. The film should be heavy on laughs as Jerry Zucker, the man who brought us "Airplane" and "My Best Friend's Wedding," directs it ▼▼▼

Whoopi Goldberg agreed to perform in "Rat Race" with John Cleese, Jason Alexander, and Dean Cain.

Kevin Kline ("In & Out") is a father with cancer who suddenly takes custody of his wayward son in the movie "Life Is A House." The next Anakyn Skywalker, in "Star Wars Episode II," Hayden Christensen is the son who spends his leisure time avoiding his father, getting stoned and dabbling in part-time prostitution. The film comes from "As Good As It Gets" author Mark Andrus and began production just after Thanksgiving. Kristin Scott Thomas ("Four Weddings And A Funeral") plays Kline's ex-wife and Christensen's mom. ▼▼▼

"American Beauty" director Sam Mendes has offered Jude Law ("The Talented Mr. Ripley") a role in his next film, "Road to Perdition." The DreamWorks project would have the actor playing opposite Tom Hanks ("Philadelphia") and Tom Sizemore ("Saving Private Ryan") in this depression era drama. Filming begins early next year with Hanks as a hitman called The Archangel of Death with Law as another shooter called The Reporter and Sizemore playing Al Capone. ▼▼▼



Tom Hanks is set to act opposite Jude Law in "Road to Perdition" from director Sam Mendes.

Sarah Jessica Parker ("Sex and the City") teams with Harry Connick, Jr., in the upcoming big screen comedy "Life Without Dick." Wasn't that the name of Edith Head's autobiography? Parker will play a woman that falls in love with the hit man hired by her boyfriend to kill her. ▼▼▼

Harry Connick, Jr. teams with Sarah Jessica Parker in upcoming big screen comedy "Life Without Dick."

Director Bill Condon ("Gods and Monsters") got thumbs up by 20th Century FOX to make a bio-film on famous sexual behavior expert, Alfred Kinsey. Condon has said, "I want it to be "The Right Stuff" meets sex." That's RIGHT stuff, not White stuff. Though no confirmed casting, the director's ultimate cast lists includes Tom Hanks for the lead with Hugh Jackman ("The X-Men") and Mark Wahlberg in supportive roles. ▼▼▼

THEATRE –

Still not sure what to get Mom and Dad for Christmas? What could be more in the holiday spirit than tickets to Terrence McNally's controversial life-of-a-Gay-Jesus play, "Corpus Christi?" San Francisco's New Conservatory Theatre (NCT) has extended their current production, through January 9, of the play, which was once canceled and then resurrected at the Manhattan Theatre Club. After all, a production protested by the Catholic League of Religious and Civil Rights cannot be all bad. NCT's previously scheduled production of Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" was canceled. ▼▼▼

Producer Elizabeth Williams ("The Wild Party") is one of the forces behind the Broadway premiere of "Dance Of The Vampires." The supernatural musical is based on the 1967 Roman Polanski film "The Fearless Vampire Killers" is expected to debut next Fall. The production features lyrics by Michael Kunze and music by long time Meatloaf contributor Jim Steinman. The $7 million musical premiered in Vienna October 4, 1997 under Polanski's direction, though he will not helm the US version. ▼▼▼

Mel Gibson's planned production of "Hamlet" starring the not-so-recovered Robert Downey, Jr. must certainly be on the back burner. This would have marked Downey's first Shakespearean stage performance, at least outside of any drug-induced state of mind. The two actors got pretty chummy when they starred together in the film "Air America" and have remained in contact ever since. It would have also been Gibson's first directing assignment since "Braveheart."

TELEVISION -

On the subject of Robert Downey Jr., the part time actor will discover his fate when he appears before a judge on December 27 to address his latest arrest for drug possession. The actor's career has been surprisingly unaffected since released from prison earlier this year. Being on probation during his November arrest in Palm Springs could very well send him back to the big house. Maybe California's new law on getting treatment for convicted drug users could make the difference this time. Ironically, Downey's apocryphal movie "Less Than Zero" in which he plays a doomed drug addict is on cable this month. ▼▼▼

Robert Downey, Jr. is scheduled to star in Mel Gibson's production of "Hamlet."

UPN is looking at a controversial game show called "Chains of Love." Described as an intense rendition of "The Dating Game," four men or women are shackled to one member of the opposite sex for several days. The potential suitors are released one at a time, as chosen by the one man or woman, and the remaining couple go on a date. If they sign, UPN would air six one-hour episodes next Spring. San Francisco has a similar local program called The Folsom Street Fair. ▼▼▼

NBC is close to picking up the rights to a UK series called "This Life." The US version follows five young lawyers who work at the same firm and live in the same flat in San Francisco's Haight district. If the Peacock network knew anything about the Haight, they'd come up with a more appropriate title like "Piercing Justice." ▼▼▼

Famed Holiday ornament maker, Christopher Radko is moving to television work. The man who has made a fortune out of producing hand blown glass decorations wants to produce an animated holiday special where various characters from his array of ornaments come alive. Would that include the special Elton John ornament created for this season? The special would air next Winter. ▼▼▼

I am not surprised that the producers of "Will & Grace" were so pleased with Cher's recent cameo that they have secured another star for a future episode. However, how do you go from a superstar like Cher to the questionably talented Sandra Bernhard? The alleged singer/actress has signed to play herself in a future episode of the award-winning series. The segment will feature Will and Grace posing as a well-to-do couple shopping for homes while visiting Bernhard's on-the-market townhouse. Adding to the thrill, the duo makes an offer that Bernhard accepts. ▼▼▼

Singer and actress Sandra Bernhard has agreed to make a cameo appearance on "Will & Grace."

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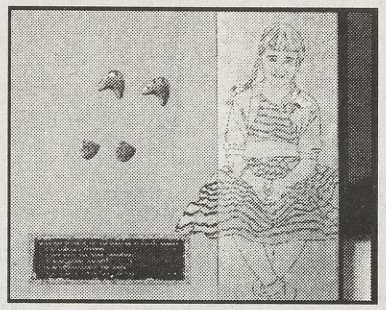

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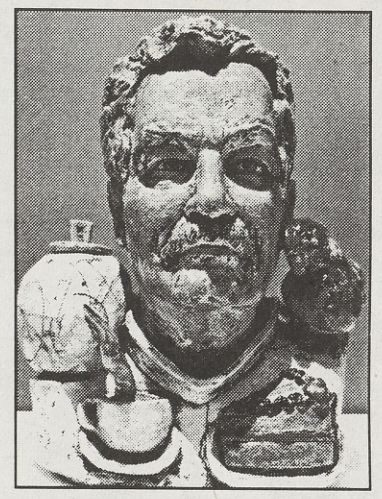

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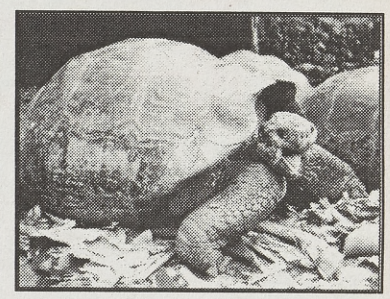

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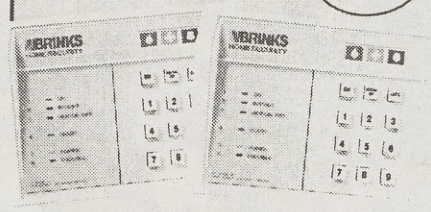

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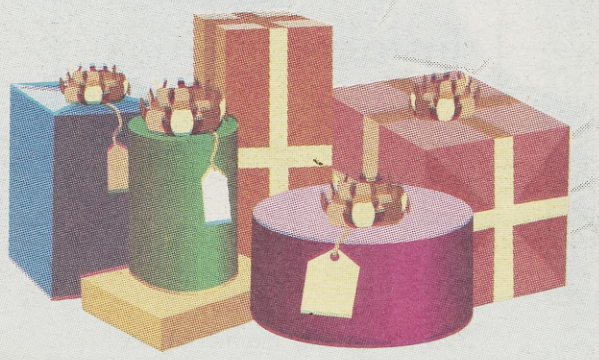
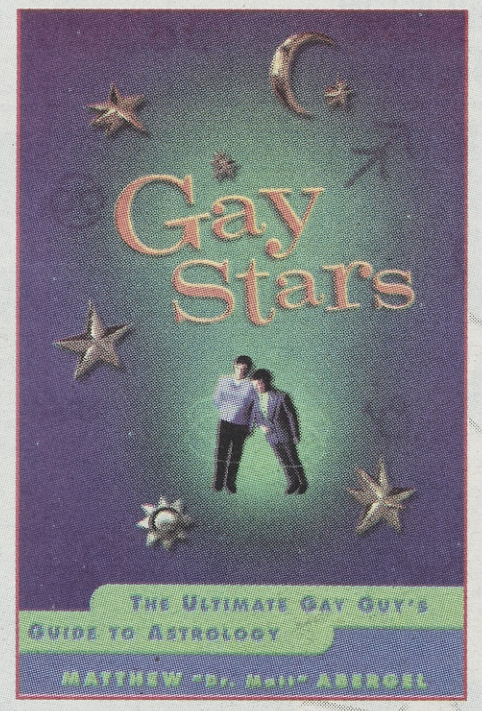


By Stephanie Goodner & Nicole Macshafi
MGW/Staff

Origami Revisited

By Burton Silver and Heather Busch. Kokigami Revisited: Performance Enhancing Adornments for the Adventurous Man. Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, California, 2000. ISBN 1-58008-245-9. 64 pages.

If you present this book as a gift, be prepared for more than a few surprises. It is origami with a twist. You punch out the pre-cut papers and follow the diagram to shape it into a hat, coat, boat, or whatever, then you pop it onto your penis. The authors will even lead you into a role playing game. Info. www.TenSpeedPress.com, 510-559-1600 ▼



Work Those Stars!

By Matthew "Dr. Matt" Abergel. Gay Stars: The Ultimate Gay Guy's Guide To Astrology. A Fireside Original/Simon & Schuster, New York City, NY, 2000. ISBN 0-684-86607-2. 256 pages.

This is another book in the ever-growing LGBT specific astrology catalog. Filled with quotes by Marilyn Monroe, Rock Hudson, Nathan Lane, and Diana Ross, this is probably the funniest of them all. Steeped in gay stereotypes, this would be great for a boy's slumber party but not so great for those looking for serious soul-searching. Info. www.SimonSays.com ▼

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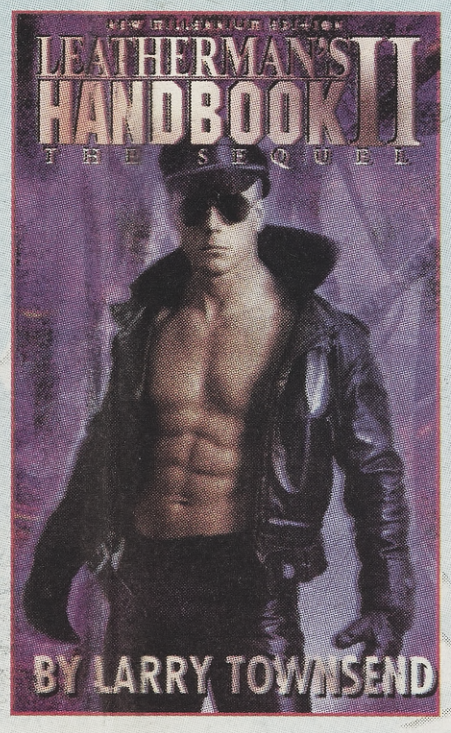


How To Have A Thrilling Holiday

By Larry Townsend. Leatherman's Handbook II: The Sequel. L.T. Publications, Beverly Hills, California, 2000. ISBN 1-881684-20-2. 320 pages.

Following the success of the original "Leatherman's Handbook," the second volume contains more information, stories, and wisdom from author **Larry Townsend**. He explores behavior, ideas, and activities of men in the S & M and leather communities. He also includes a comprehensive survey of the communities. Info. 310-652-7657, www.LarryTownsend.com ▼

A Handbook For The Young And LGBT

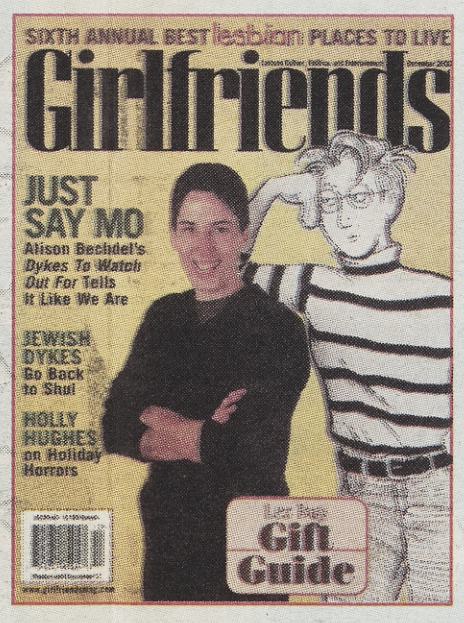
By Benjie Nycum. The XY Survival Guide: Everything You Need To Know About Being Young And Gay. XY Press, San Francisco, CA, 2000. ISBN 0-970321-34-1. 171 pages.

This book has tons of vital information on how to thrive as a young LGBT person. Even if you are a little older and just coming out, this could save you a lot of trouble. It address issues such as safer sex, drugs, violence, astrology, and provides resources should you want to speak to a real person. It is geared toward males, but women will also find it useful. Info. 877-996-0930, 415-255-1502 ▼

Camping With Radical Faeries

By Keri Pickett. Faeries: Visions, Voices, And Pretty Dresses. Apeture Foundation, New York City, NY, 2000. ISBN 0-89381-896-8. 128 pages.

A coffee table book of black and white photographs from Kawashaway – a seventeen-acre parcel of land in northern Minnesota and home to the Radical Faeries. Stories, poetry, and photographs tell the six-year history of this magical piece of LGBT wilderness. Info. 800-929-2323, www.apeture.org ▼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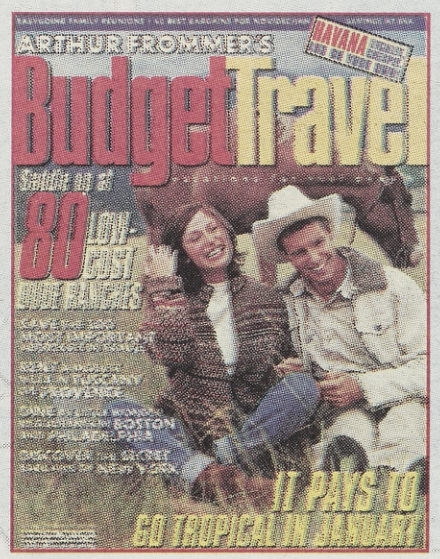

Vacations For Real People

Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine. Newsweek Budget Travel, Inc., New York City, NY. ISSN 1521-5210.

"Budget Travel" is a bimonthly magazine with the goal of getting everyone out of their house. They feature cheap restaurants, tips for getting the best plane ticket price, and – best of all – it is LGBT friendly. Give a subscription to a friend who has the travel bug. Info. www.frommers.com, 800-829-9121 ▼

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OUT IN THE GARDEN

Of Plants, Petroleum, And Gems

By Robert Hamm
MGW Staff

When people say that Day Lilly and Iris rebloom, what do they mean?

With Iris, it means that a particular variety has a tendency to send up a new set of bloom spikes in fall or early winter.

When Day Lillies rebloom, it can have one of three meanings:

1. The flower blooms in fall or early winter, much like Iris.
2. A second set of bloom spikes is sent up after the first are done.
3. Bloom spikes are sent up repeatedly during summer and fall.

All three instances mean a longer season of bloom, but each affects the garden differently. Variety becomes very important and a good repeater can be a much better deal than a cheaper, older, one-time bloomer.

As every driver knows, petroleum prices have skyrocketed. This will also affect gardeners. Plastic pots and chemical fertilizers are petroleum based, so both will rise in price. Shipped plants – whether to you or your local nursery – will have higher freight costs so the expense will be passed to customers. Rising petroleum prices are an added reason to buy locally grown plants.

Why are so many frost tender plants sold in big retail nurseries as perennials?

Because they are grown in Southern California coastal areas where Tropical Hisbiscus, Bougainvillea, Mandevilla, and many others are hardy outdoors. Unfortunately, the Valley is a secondary market and plants shipped here are actually marked for big markets along the coast and Southern end of the state. Plus, many retailers care about sales not the gardener's long term success. After all, most people blame themselves if a plant dies not the fact that it can not survive in our climate.

Increasingly, I see the nursery industry becoming just another retail market with 90% of the people involved having little connection to plants except as an item to sell.

Small nurseries are being driven out of business and they are taking their diversity with them. Large growers only want fast sellers so those garden gems that only true gardeners buy are not carried. I hope that there will always be a few plant addicts (like me) around who will grow and maintain availability those less common gems. ▼

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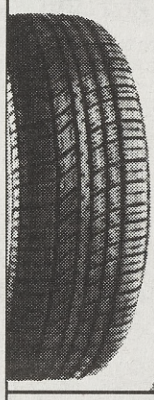

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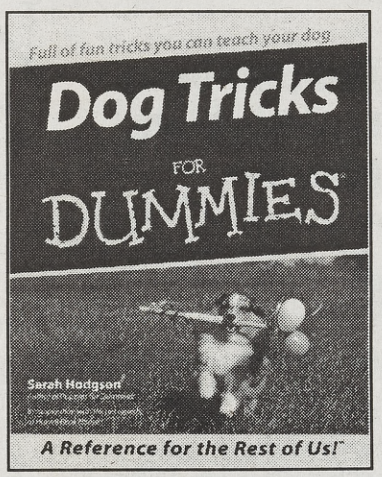

Teaching Dogs And Training People

By Sarah Hodgson. Dog Tricks For Dummies. IDG Books Worldwide, Foster City, CA, 2000. ISBN 0-7645-5287-2. 263 pages.

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Kittens And Cats Captured On Film

By Hans Silvester. The Complete Cats In The Sun. Chronicle Books, San Francisco, CA, 2000. ISBN 0-8118-2909-X. 432 pages.

Photographer **Hans Silvester** combined his three popular books "Cats In The Sun," "Asleep in the Sun," and "The Mediterranean Cat" into one beautiful volume. It contains over 400 color photos of cats sleeping, stretching, and prowling in their exotic Grecian Isles. Info. 800-858-7787 ▼

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By Gloria Stephens. Legacy of the Cat. Chronicle Books, San Francisco, 2000. ISBN 0-8118-2910-3. 192 pages.

With over 100,000 copies sold to date, this is a necessary book for every cat lover. The text and photographs were recently updated, so giving a second volume is not a bad idea. Info. Info. 800-858-7787 ▼

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By Ronnie Sellers. The Official Dog Codependents Handbook. Ronnie Sellers Productions, Kennebunk, Maine, 1996. ISBN 1-56906-047-9. 112 pages

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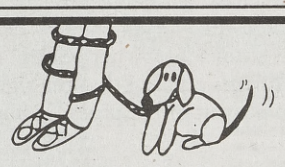

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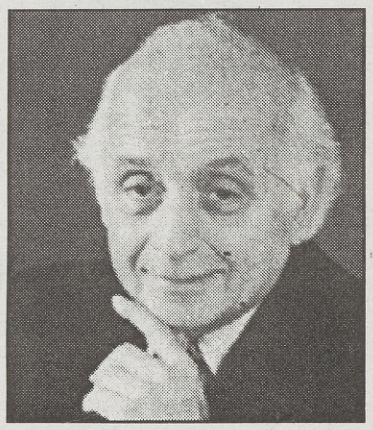


Doctors Accused Of Spreading HIV

MANILA, PHILIPPINES - Charges against forty Filipino medical workers accused of intentionally infecting over 600 children with HIV have been dismissed. Nine Libyan citizens, a Palestinian, and six Bulgarian medical workers will face charges in January concerning the infections. All of the children were patients at a government hospital in Benghazi in March. So far, over forty children have died. Info. www.unaids.org ▼

Name Change For Transsexuals

VANCOUVER B.C. - The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) and the B.C. Human Rights Commission have amended laws to allows drivers who have changed their name because of gender change to apply to have their driving record amended. Before, previous names and genders were recorded in ICBC's database, which limited transsexuals' privacy. Info. 604-661-2800, www.icbc.com ▼

Beauty Queen Was A Man

BANGKOK, THAILAND - **Kesaraporn Duangsawan**, 22, captured the hearts of the judges and walked away with 6,000 baht ($138) as first runner-up in a beauty contest. Then organizers discovered the queen was male. Contestants' previous

Second Call For Transgender Writers

NEW YORK CITY, NY - Editor **Isaiah Walters-Gidseg** has announced a second call for submissions to the "Tans Youth Anthology." He hopes to receive articles, photography, poems, cartoons, and non-fiction from people who identify as transgendered, including people of color, immigrants, the intersexed, male to female, and the differently abled. Submissions should deal with individual experiences of race, class, ethnicity, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. Writers aged 26 and under are invited to submit original work before the January 5 deadline. Info. transyouth@mindspring.com ▼

Schlessinger Downgrade Gains Momentum

NEW YORK CITY, NY – During November, "Dr. Laura's" talk show was moved to a post-midnight time slot in over a dozen markets across the nation including Boston, Detroit, Atlanta, Miami, St. Louis, Orlando, and San Diego. In early December, she will be moved to an early morning slot in Houston, Seattle, Kansas City, and Dayton. Schlessinger's show was not expected to do well during November Sweeps, so it is possible that more stations will downgrade her time slot soon. Info. www.stopdrlaura.com ▼

Legislator Discharged From Army

PHOENIX, AZ - **Senator First Lieutenant Steve May** was discharged from the Army Reserves for comments he made regarding his sexual orientation during a public policy debate. May maintains the Army is in violation of its own policies since he was on inactive duty at the time of his remarks and the state constitution protects statements during legislative debate. Info. 202-328-3244, ext. 10, www.sldn.org ▼

GLOW Announces Holiday Of Lights

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - **Gays And Lesbians Offering Warmth** (GLOW) announced their schedule for the festival of lights cruise aboard the *Carrie B.* Members of **Flamingo Freedom Band** will join GLOW on Monday, December 18. This is the fifth year for the cruise, which has sold out every year. Info. 954-563-9500, www.glccftl.org ▼

Sex Toys Prohibited

MONTGOMERY, AL – In April 1998 the State House And Senate passed a bill banning all sex toys under the state's obscenity law arguing that sexual gratification is not a basic human right. The ACLU filed a challenge on behalf of sex toy storeowner **Sherri Williams** arguing that the right to the pursuit of happiness includes satisfactory sex. The courts ruled in favor of Williams, but **Attorney General Bill Pryor** filed an appeal and a final vote is scheduled for January 2001. In addition to fundraising to cover legal expenses, Good Vibrations is collecting an "emergency sex toy supply" in case the ban passes. Info. 800-BUY-VIBE, www.GoodVibes.com ▼

Bridge Tournament Takes Over Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The **International Association Of Gay And Lesbian Bridge Clubs** (IAGLBC) will hold its fifth annual tournament from April 26-29 at Washington Plaza Hotel on Thomas Circle. Hosts Lambda Bridge Club expects over 150 players this year. Info. www.BridgeBlossom.com ▼

Declaratory Ruling Extends Laws

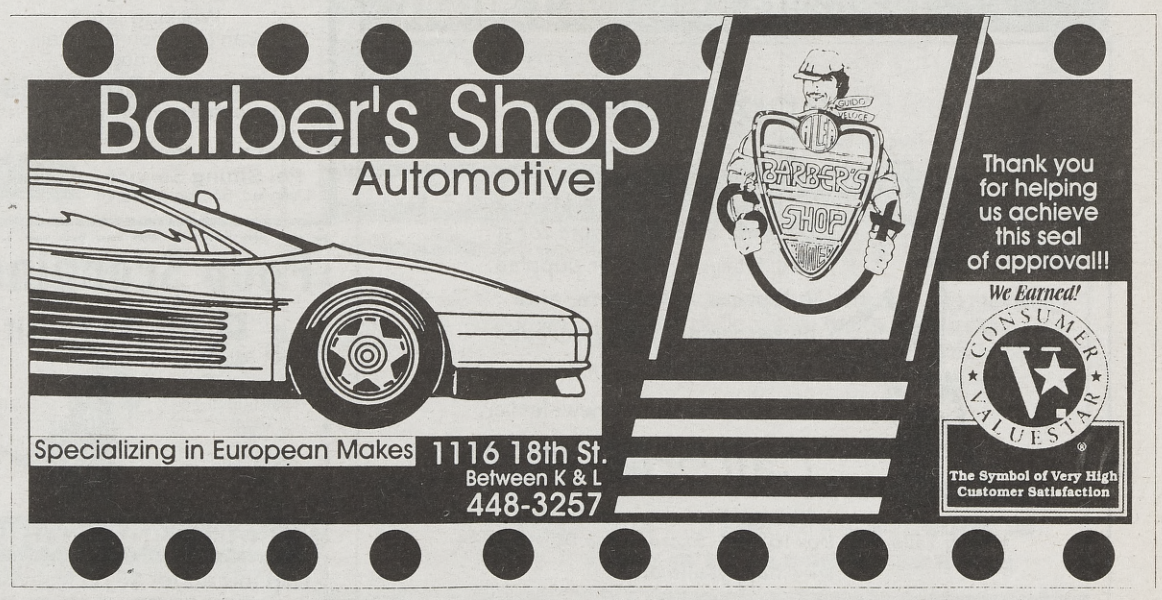
HARTFORD, CT - The Commission On Human Rights And Opportunities ruled that state laws prohibiting sex discrimination include transgender and intersexed people regardless of whether they wish to have surgery. The ruling was in response to a request filed by **Gay & Lesbian Advocates And Defenders** (GLAD) with the goal of clarifying legal protections offered to transgender and intersexed people. Info. 617-426-1350, gladlaw@glad.org ▼

Anti-LGBT Group Launches Youth Ministry

PORTLAND, OR - **Exodus**, a controversial Christian organization that works to convert LGBT people, has developed a ministry for LGBT youth. Led by **Jason Thompson**, co-director of The Portland (OR) Fellowship, Exodus Youth members have already spoken at teen conferences in Los Angeles and Washington D.C. Info. 313-537-3323, www.exodusnorthamerica.org ▼

LGBT Tobacco Use Rises

ATLANTA, GA - The **Mary-Helen Mautner Project For Lesbians With Cancer** joined with over fifty tobacco control experts and LGBT advocacy groups including **San Francisco Tobacco Free Project, National Youth Advocacy Coalition, Gay And Lesbian Medical Association, National LLEGO,** and **Coalition of Lavender Americans On Smoking and Health** to create the first National LGBT Forum On Tobacco Prevention And Control. Mautner Project surveys show that LGBT youth and adults use tobacco at higher rates than heterosexuals, so the goal of the Forum is to reduce tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure rates in the LGBT community. Info. 202-332-5536, www.mautnerproject.org ▼



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The Working Group Takes New Name

NEW YORK CITY, NY - The Working Group On Funding Lesbian And Gay Issues has changed its name to **Funders For Lesbian And Gay Issues** (FFLGI) and reorganized into a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Founded in 1992, FFLGI is a national association of grantmakers that advocates for LGBT issues within philanthropy. They publish a directory of LGBT supportive funders, guides for funders interested in LGBT issues, and sample non-discrimination and domestic partner benefits policies. Info. 212-475-2930, www.lgbtfunders.org ▼

Domestic Partner Benefits Replaced

WYOMISSING, PA - Sovereign Bancorp, a $35 billion financial institution dismissed a plan to end domestic partner benefits for New England employees and, instead, will extend them company wide. The decision came after Human Rights Campaign wrote to Sovereign's **President Jay S. Sidhu** detailing why benefits are the best way to attract and keep employees. **Perot Systems Inc.** and **ExxonMobil Corporation** are the only U.S. companies that have rescinded domestic partner benefits. Info. www.hrc.org, 202-216-1547 ▼

Lesbian Erotica Wanted

NORTHAMPTON, MA – Alyson Publications and editor **Leslea Newman** are accepting erotic fiction and non-fiction stories written by women who identify as lesbian or bisexual. Newman is looking for funny or serious tales with a complete plot and developed characters for "Pillow Talk III: Yet More Lesbian Stories Between The Covers." Submissions are due February 14. Info. www.lesleanewman.com, 413-584-1099 ▼

Lesbian Action Fund Gears Up

NEW YORK CITY, NY – Over **Astraea Lesbian Action Foundation's** 22 year history, they have given over $2.5 million to hundreds of organizations, activists, filmmakers, writers, and historians to further positive representation of lesbian and bisexual women. As part of a fundraising campaign, they will send a copy of "Living With Pride: **Ruth Ellis** @ 100" to everyone who donates $100 or more before December 30. Info. www.SistersInTheLife.com, www.astraea.com, 212-529-8021 ▼

Cher Chats Online

HOLLYWOOD, CA – GayWired.com has scheduled a live online chat with musician and actress **Cher** on Wednesday, December 20 and 4pm. She plans to discuss her new autobiography "NOT.COM.MERCIAL," her daughter, and childhood as an orphan. Info. 323-512-2920, www.gaywired.com ▼

Vermont Aftershock Begin

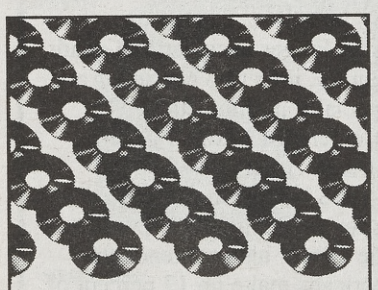
WASHINGTON, D.C. – So far, almost 1,000 LGBT couples have obtained civil union licenses since rights were extended in July, but about 75% of those couples do not live in Vermont. LGBT lawyers expect to see more lawsuits in other states pushing for recognition of those rights. Laws in 35 states prohibit recognition of LGBT marriages. Only eight states added sexual orientation to their non-discrimination laws. Info. 313-537-3323, www.tri.org ▼

Vatican Accused Of Interfering

LAGUNA BEACH, CA - Soulforce and Dignity/USA members requested that **President Clinton**, **Secretary of State Albright**, and **Vatican Ambassador Corinne Boggs** use their diplomatic powers to stop the use of Roman Catholic funds against LGBT people. The groups believe that money donated by Catholics for religious purposes is instead used to fund bills that deny minority groups their civil rights. So far, the politicians have not responded. Info. www.soulforce.org ▼

AZT Shortage In Africa

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC– The **International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission** (IGLHRC) believes that AZT producer **Glaxo SmithKline** denies HIV-positive people medication in Ghana because the pharmaceutical company will not profit from its sales. Currently, 5% of the country's adults are HIV-positive but very few can afford medication. **Healthcare, Ltd.**, a Ghana based company, purchased large amounts of generic AZT to distribute. Glaxo threatened legal action if the drug is given away or sold at reduced prices claiming their patent prevents such action by rival companies. Info. 919-248-2100, www.iglhrc.org ▼



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ON THE HIV FRONT

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

40 percent engage in group sex...

Approximately 40 percent of 600 men and women in London randomly surveyed by *Time Out* magazine have had group sex. The survey also reports that 21 percent of the men and 1 percent of the women said they had visited a prostitute at least once. About 50 percent said they had been tested for HIV.

Britain gives millions for condoms...

Britain has announced that it will give nearly $36 million to help developing nations afford safe contraceptives. The donation, to the United Nations Population Fund, will be used to buy male and female condoms and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases. The grant comes in addition to Britain's annual allocation of 15 million pounds to the U.N. population group.

Most Massachusetts infections drug related...

The spread of HIV in the Massachusetts is primarily the result of injection drug use. Women make up 40% of new cases in the state, versus 30% nationwide, and most of the infections are the result of sex with male drug users or from sharing contaminated needles while using drugs themselves. In some towns, such as New Bedford, women account for about 65 percent of cases. It is one of only a few states nationwide (including California) that have not yet decriminalized syringe possession by addicts, igr. ring research studies showing that needle exchanges can significantly reduce HIV infections without encouraging new users.

In Sacramento, Dr. Neil Flynn, speaking to the crowd gathered for the December 1 World AIDS Day candlelight remembrance, emphasized that it's immoral to let people die when legitimate studies show that deaths can be prevented by needle exchange. Dr. Flynn noted that four people in town exchange over 600,000 needles a year, preventing hundreds of infections, but taking legal chances with each outreach. This critical service could be legal in Sacramento were it not for just one vote on the County Board of Supervisors, currently voting 3 to 2 against it. Lives depend on one of these people changing their mind, pleaded Dr. Flynn.

Few Chinese understand transmission...

Fewer than 4 percent of Chinese are aware of how HIV is transmitted, according to a new report from the Chinese Ministry of Health. The survey of more than 3,800 people between the ages of 20 and 64 found that more than half thought they could become infected if they used chopsticks and bowls that a person with AIDS had used. Many also cited sneezing and hand shaking as possible modes of transmission, and about 45% thought that using a condom would not help prevent HIV infection. Conservative attitudes have made promoting sex education difficult in China, where advertising condoms is thought to encourage promiscuity.

African cases decline for first time...

The number of people who contracted HIV in sub-Saharan Africa declined this year for the first time, says a report from UNAIDS. Whether or not this is a new permanent direction is not known, but at least the trend of an accelerating epidemic is now slowing down, and will hopefully continue going down.

About 72 percent of all new HIV infections are in southern Africa. Other countries worldwide are headed in the other direction, unfortunately. Cases in Russia, for example, rose from 420,000 in 1999, to a total so far this year of 700,000 – nearly 300,000 new infections in one year.

Worldwide, there were 5.3 million new HIV infections this year, compared to 5.6 million in 1999. Over 600,000 of these new cases are in children age 15 and younger. The number of people worldwide living with HIV or AIDS increased from 33.6 million last year to 36.1 million this year. The number of deaths rose from 2.6 million to 3 million.

Pfizer offers Diflucan to African nations...

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals will donate $50 million worth of its anti-fungal drug to South Africa over the next two years. Under the

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MANAGING AIDS
WHILE MANAGING YOUR HEALTH CARE

By Francesca Misso, Nurse Case Manager, PacifiCare of California

With this year's Worlds AIDS Day following so closely after the elections and the hotly debated topic of health care access, my thoughts turn to those HIV patients I care for as a nurse case manager with a major health plan. When I started in 1987, the treatment and outcome was much different than it is today for those with the virus. But while the drugs available today enable many to live longer lives, they are no panacea. There's more to treatment than just taking medication.

Many people might be surprised that an HMO might be the best place for those with HIV and AIDS. The patients I see are much better off in a managed care setting. The reasons are multiple, and some have to do with cost. With the advances in scientific research, the number of drugs a patient must take has been decreased from 20 or more a day to as little as four or less, but those drugs often come with negative side effects and are extremely expensive. Most HMOs automatically add all FDA-approved AIDS drugs to their formularies, with patients paying generally $10 to $15 co-payments for drugs that can easily cost more than $1,000 per month. The drug's potency and side effects, ranging from nausea to neuropathy, a condition that leaves some unable to walk, must be monitored by regular doctor visits. Mail order pharmacies offer convenience and the drugs are delivered regularly, which is a necessity, since missing doses can decrease the effectiveness of the medication.

My part in this equation is to help my patients get the care they need. In today's complex system of health care - medical groups, IPAs, HMOs, PPOs - many times people are confused about whom to contact when they experience problems. As a registered nurse, I'm assigned to members of my health plan with chronic or catastrophic illnesses who may need assistance with such issues as getting referrals to specialists or someone to act as a liaison between the member and the health care team. Traditional insurance doesn't provide case managers, and those with HIV/AIDS often turn to AIDS organizations and the Internet for assistance when navigating the health care maze. These resources are good ones; however I can provide a known face and phone number to someone who often doesn't feel well enough to advocate for him or herself.

While AIDS is no longer necessarily a death sentence in this country, infection continues at alarming rates, especially in minorities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African-Americans face the greatest HIV and AIDS burden in the United States, accounting for an estimated 55 percent of new infections. The Center also contends that while African-Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they represent 48 percent of all reported AIDS cases in 1998. As of August 31, 2000, there were 23,349 reported AIDS cases in California who were Latino, 20 percent of the total number of reported AIDS cases in the state according to the state Office of AIDS.

As we enter the third decade of this disease, we must not think that the epidemic is over. We must remain diligent in our efforts to prevent the spread of the disease and provide appropriate care. It is extremely important that people with AIDS and HIV know the ins and outs of today's health care system, and how to become advocates for themselves. As many people become resistant to AIDS drugs, and new therapies are developed, it is important that everyone stays informed. Our goal is to meet the health care needs of those with the virus while preventing new cases from emerging.

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anti-fungal drug to South Africa over the next two years. Under the deal, Pfizer will provide Diflucan free of charge to individuals with cryptococcal meningitis and a kind of meningitis of the esophagus that results from thrush and affects 20 to 40 percent of people with AIDS. South African and U.S. AIDS activists, as well as the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders, have criticized the drug company's offer, calling it a public-relations move. Their concerns apparently revolve around the feasibility of individuals without watches taking their meds on time, and other such issues that might affect extremely poor individuals, thus rendering the meds ineffective and a waste of money. (Nonetheless, it is an excellent first step. Thank you, Phizer.)

New PI drug tests once-daily dosing...

HIV protease inhibitor (PI) Agenerase/Amprenavir (a fast-track drug available as a compassionate use med) is now in phase III tests to determine best dosage. The product was formulated for a dosing regimen of three pills two times a day. However, the new tests – in which all volunteers will receive NRTIs Ziagen/Abacavir and Epivir/3TC twice daily – will also explore once-a-day dosing. One of the phase III studies, which will last 48 weeks, will compare Agenerase given under the new dosing regimen, to PI drug Viracept/Nelfinivir administered twice daily to 210 people who have not previously taken anti-retroviral drugs. In a second study, more than 600 people who have not previously taken anti-retroviral drugs will be randomized to receive either three Agenerase tablets plus PI drug Norvir/Ritonavir once a day, or 1,250 mg of Viracept/Nelfinivir twice a day for 48 weeks. ▼

Reader Seeks Direction, Goals, And Happiness

By Lydia Frances, LCSW
MGW Staff

Dear Dr. Love,

My community held a potluck the other night to welcome home a member who had been living away for about two years. After dinner, we gathered in a circle to share on the topic of what we are passionate about in our lives. I found that I have little that I am passionate about in my life, and felt saddened by this. I am grateful for the abundance and prosperity in my life, for my health, my partnership. Where is the passion? This is a question I have suddenly begun asking. Any suggestions about how I might go about resolving this question in my life?

It is good that you are able to see and be grateful for aspects of your life. To find your passion, spend some time writing about what makes your heart sing. Remove any boundaries to your thoughts - imagine what you would do, how you would spend your time if there were no restrictions - financial, emotional, physical. List everything that comes to mind. Do this for one week. Then, look at the list. Given the current circumstances in your life which one would you choose? Take a step toward developing it.

Look at your resistance to giving yourself time and space to cultivate this one thing that makes your heart sing.

You may find that in writing about what makes your heart sing that it is not so much an activity as it is a way of life. Do the same thing - can you give yourself permission in time and space to begin to cultivate this way of life? What one step can you take to move toward this? What is your resistance or hesitation or fear? Journal about this as well. You may want to enlist the support of a spiritual counselor to direct you in your search. Know that your passion is in you waiting to be set free. ▼

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Dr. Tony's Top Ten List of Celebrity Harm Reduction Tips!

By Anthony Zimbardi, PsyD
MGW Guest Writer

Harm Reduction. Most people have heard the term by now. They know it's about reducing HIV risk through both sexual and substance using behaviors. They know it's about all behaviors existing on a continuum from relatively low risk to very high risk. Harm Reduction is about finding where the individual is on the continuum and lowering the risk one notch at a time in a way that meets the needs of the individual while protecting them from harming themselves or others.

Why Harm Reduction? Because dead addicts do not recover and we want to keep them alive and as healthy as possible for the day they may want to make even more significant life changes.

Given that, I have come up with my very own "David Letterman" list. You may notice that some of my Celebrities are dead or fictional. Do not let that stop you from seeing the message, if the message is one you would like to take away.

So whether you're a crack head or a pot head, whether you like to snort, slam, or booty bump your Crystal, or whether you're just a plain old slut, there should be something for you somewhere on this list. Again, take what works, throw away the rest, share it with friends or use it to line your kitty litter box. Remember, there is a connection between cat feces and the opportunistic infection toxoplasmosis. If that is what you chose to do with this article, from a harm reduction perspective my advice is: wear a mask, get a friend to change the box, or train your cat to use the flower garden. It will do wonders for your roses.

So, here goes:

Tip Number 10: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." - Dr. Spock

Well, I do not know if Dr. Spock really said that but I know Sister Michael Ellen, my first grade teacher always did. Point: If there is only one pill someone will take while using, make it Vitamin C.

Why? Because vitamin C helps to heal cuts (e.g., those dry, cracked lips that come from sucking on a crack pipe) that become portals of entry for HIV when sucking on other things. It also keeps veins healther for the IV drug user.

Finally, and as many good hard core crack injectors know - yes, some people actually inject crack these days - it's really good for breaking down crack. The added bonus is the extra burn you get as it pulses through your veins.

Extra tip: use just a pinch, about the size of a match head of either citric or ascorbic acid (available in handy packets at your local Harm Reduction Center). Remember: always use proper sterilization techniques when injecting anything into your veins to prevent infection. Otherwise, you could lose a limb or your life.

Tip Number 9: "Green Acres is the place to be...Farm livin' is the life for me." - Eva Gabor

Actually, I think Eddie Albert sang that line of the song, but the point is that fresh air re, "y is good for you. Keeping yourself cooped up inside is not, especially if you are a smoker. Whether you smoke cigarettes, pot or crack (or who the hell knows what else), make sure you have plenty of ventilated fresh air to reduce the risk of TB (Tuberculosis).

Smoking outdoors is best, smoking indoors with the windows open is second best, and coughing up blood is the worst. Consider quitting and go to your local public health nurse.

Tip Number 8: "Tina! Get me the Arrowhead!" – Joan Crawford ("Mommie Dearest")

Or was that the Axe? If little Tina had gotten the Arrowhead instead, that rose bush might still be alive today.

The message behind this is Hydrate, Hydrate, and Hydrate! Drink plenty of water when using crystal, crack, cocaine, and alcohol or just when using anything. It is good for you. Second best would be juice, Gatorade or the like.

Tip Number 7: "Bake Someone Happy." - Betty Crocker

Is Betty a real person? Regardless, if you smoke pot, bake it in the oven first for 20 minutes at 350 degrees (I'm not kidding) or zap it in the microwave for one minute. Why? Because pot contains the fungus asperigellis, which causes the deadly opportunistic infection cryptococcal meningitis.

You can also bake your pot with your grandmother's favorite recipe for brownies because in the end, smoking is just plain bad for you no matter what it is you are inhaling. Smoking anything increases the risk of lung cancer as well as cancer of the mouth throat, and esophagus.

Tip Number 6: "Use the Rhythm Method." - Was that Pope John III or Vatican II?

In any event, pulling out before ejaculating has been a technique used by Catholics for centuries...long before HIV and Harm Reduction came down the pike.

Like all Harm Reduction techniques, the risk is lowered but not eliminated by pulling out...hence, your little brother Henry. It is the same with HIV, pulling out reduces some HIV risk but not all. It is unlikely to reduce much risk for other STDs. Other STDs also don't need as much ejaculate present for infection to occur.

Tip Number 5: "Arbitrate, Mediate, and Negotiate." Was that Judge Judy or Wapner?

Whoever it was, and it may have been Pet Court TV for all I know, the message actually is one, which has been embraced by the Leather/SM community for years: Negotiate your sexual roles and boundaries! Talk about your HIV status ahead of time and decide in advance if anybody is going to cum inside of anyone else. Finally, if you are in a committed but open relationship, consider using condoms with your outside partners. It will prevent you from sleep on the sofa and it will make your primary relationship without the condoms feel special!

Tip Number 4: "We'll have an Old Fashioned Wedding!" Irving Berlin song from "Annie Get Your Gun"

Get into a relationship with someone of the same sero status. The jury is still out on whether HIV re-infection can occur between two HIV+ individuals. Educate yourself and talk with your HIV Physician.

If you are HIV negative, get into a relationship with another negative person. Then utilize the Australian concept of "Negotiated Safety." That means, once you have decided you are a couple, go together for a baseline (1st HIV test). If you are both negative, keep using the condoms for six months during the window period then test again. If you are both still negative, you can talk about throwing away the condoms, or using them as balloons at your commitment ceremony!

Tip Number 3: "A douche a day keeps the doctor away!" - Dr. Ruth

Well, she probably did not say that and actually the truth is just the opposite. Douching is actually not good for you. It strips the lining of both the vagina and the anus of protective bacteria. So if you are going to douche, use warm water (mineral oil douches can cause condom breakage) and be careful not to tear yourself upon insertion.

If you happen to be the darling of the local Friday night gang bang in your hometown, douche after the last person has come inside. It will reduce further trauma as well as make sure as much semen as possible is eliminated. Finally, pee before leaving. It will clean out your urethra.

Tip Number 2: "It is better to give than to receive." The Bible or The 12-Step Big Book?

I'm talking clean needles here. Go to your local (hopefully you have one) Needle Exchange Program and exchange your dirty needles for clean ones. You could eliminate needles altogether if you opt to access your local methadone maintenance program, it's all about choice.

Tip Number 1: "Be Zen about your substance use." - Buddha

I'm talking about finding balance in your life. Scale back on your substance use if you do not want to abstain. It will reduce stress on your already compromised immune system.

Identify the reasons why you want to scale back: better overall health, higher t-cells, and lower viral load. Set a using goal: "I'll have no more than three hits per night when I'm out." Keep a using diary to monitor whether you're sticking to your goals or not. If you are not, ask yourself why your actions are not consistent with your words and thoughts. Then start the process again.

Now you know why you want to cut back and you have set a goal congruent with your reason for cutting back.

There you have it, my Top Ten Tips, if you can't eliminate health risk, reduce it, I've found everyone from the Pope to Betty Crocker to back me up. Now in the kind words of the darling Miss Crocker, "Go home and bake someone happy!" ▼

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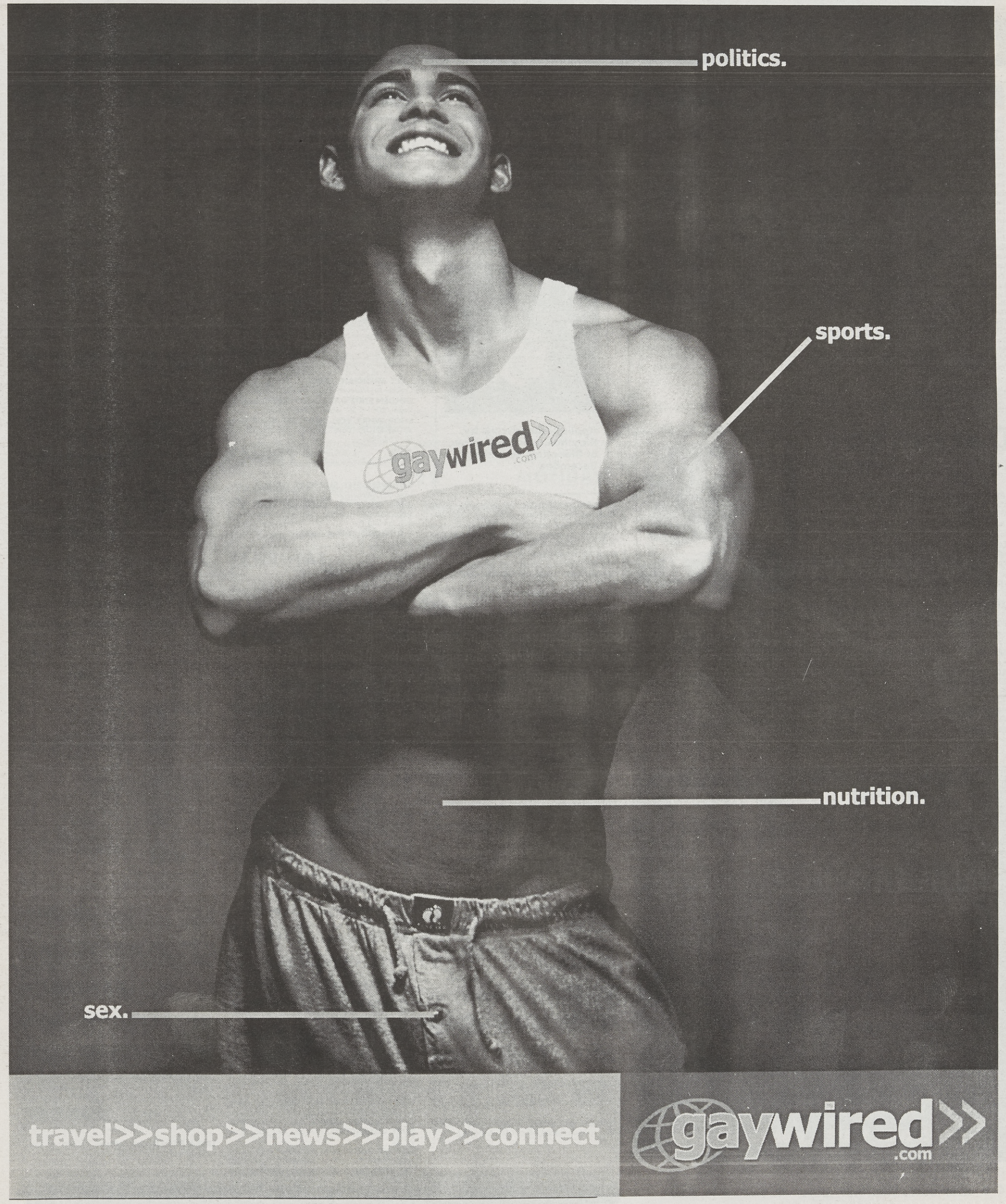
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CALENDAR

Ongoing Calendar

BACW Motorcycle Group, 510-713-9408.....Second Saturday
Capital Crossroads Meeting, 209-728-3815 ..... Wednesdays, 5pm, The Depot, 2001 K St.
Celebrate Your Favorite Poem, 264-5970 ..... Mondays, 12pm, Central Library West Meeting Room
Central United Methodist Church Women's Dance, 332-6463 ..... Fridays, 7:30pm, 53rd & H St.
Contemporary Women's Authors Reading Grup, 520-752-3372.....Twice a month, time and place to be announced
CSUS Queer Student Alliance, bondawg3@yahoo.com ..... Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Miwok Room, University Union
Ebony Archives Reading Group, 498-1004 ..... Second & fourth Sundays monthly, 4pm, Open Book, 910 21st. St.
Employment Law Clinic, 551-2106 ..... Thursdays, 6pm, 515 12th St.
Ecumenical LGBT Support Group, 530.872-3105 ..... First Sunday, 7pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, Chico
Female To Male Sacramento, 443-7534, garyj@gay.com ..... First Monday, 7pm, Lambda Center Room B
Fool House Poker Group, 922-6287 ..... Second Friday, location varies
FrontRunners/FrontWalkers, 974-8199.....Mondays at CSUS Track, 6:30pm & Mondays and Wednesdays at McKinley Park, 6:30pm & Saturdays at Guy West Bridge at University Ave., 9am
FrontRunners/FrontWalkers, cufrontrunners@hotmail.com.....Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Meadowbrook Pk., Urbana, IL
Grethe Cammermeyer Show, GAYBC.com ..... Saturdays, 10am
Lambda Center Board Meetings, 442-0185 ..... Third Wednesdays, 6pm, 1927 L St.
Lambda Center Cafe, 442-0185 ..... Saturdays, 8pm, 1927 L St.
YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St. 442-0185
Lambda Center Youth Group, 442-0185 ..... Fridays, 8pm, 1927 L St.
Lavender Library Board Meetings, 492-0558 ..... fourth Fridays, 6:30pm 1414 21st St.
Men's Discussion Group, 442-0185 ..... Mondays, 6pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St.
Outdoor Adventures Of Sac., 339-0731, theguys@xenic.net ..... potluck dinner first Tue. & bike rides Tue., Thurs., & Sat.
Open Book Reading Group, 498-1004 ..... Wednesdays, 7pm, 910 21st St.
PFLAG Meeting, 978-0410 ..... third Tuesday monthly, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way
Sac Recorder Society, 451-7614 ..... first Tuesday monthly, 6:30pm, Goethe Hall, 1701 L St.
Sac Valley Leathermen Pancake Breakfast, 338-3760 ..... second Sunday monthly, Faces, 2000 K St.
SF Women's Bowling League, 415-331-9644 ..... Sundays, 5:30pm Presidio Bowl
Voice of the Valley A Capella, 487-7000 ..... Thursdays, 7pm

December

1-5 FRIDAY

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR LONG BEACH POLICE RECRUITS, examination on Jan. 4. 800-934-LBPD. 562-570-7126

BACW DINES OUT, Strings Italian Cafe. 2601 Oakdale Rd., Modesto, 209-544-1909

BLOOMING ART CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT, 6pm, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800.

CODEPENDENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR, 6pm. Stonewall Center, 341 Broadway, Ste. 416, Chico. 530-893-3336

DYKES OUT TOGETHER ICE CREAM SOCIAL, "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell. 451-7191

FROM THE EDGE OF THE CITY, thru Dec. 22. presented by Picture This!, Landmarks Nuart Theatre 11272 Santa Monica Blvd., West LA. 310-478-6379

REAL YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm. Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

SAC CHILDREN'S CHORUS, SANTA CLAUS, FRANCIE DILLION, Capital Public Radio Holiday Concert, 6pm, Borders, 2339 Fair Oaks Blvd. 480-5900

SIERRA ADOPTION SERVICES CELEBRATION OF HOPE, 7am, Country Club Plaza, 368-5114

STARSHINE!, Sac Men's Chorus, 8pm. Jean Runyon Little Theater, 1515 J St., 484-5789

Guitarist Coco Montoya will perfo. n at Powerhouse Pub on Saturdday, December 16.

WILD HORSES & CHRISTMAS TREES, car and holiday exhibit, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802

YOUTH GROUP, 8pm. Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

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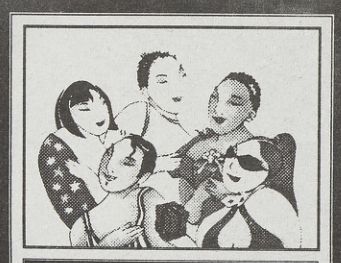

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AMER. SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS, 1pm, 1414 21st St., Lavender Library & Archives, 492-0558

COCO MONTOYA, 9:30pm, Powerhouse Pub, 614 Sutter St., 355-8586

DEBBIE REYNOLDS & JOEY SINGER, 7pm, The Crest, 1013 K St., 448-2437 x224

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, B St. Theatre performance, 530-757-1940

GIRL GLASS HOLIDAY SALE, 11am, 2648 21st Ave., 455-7290

Applique beadwork by Kiny McCarrick will show at Blooming Art through December.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION CHRISTMAS MEMORIES, thru Dec. 17, 10am, 16th & H St., 323-3047

HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT, Joyce Diamond, Steve Homan, & Joe Gilman, 7:30pm & 9:30pm, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1616 Del Pasc Blvd., 929-7896

LGBT BIRD WATCH, Colusa & Sac. NWR, 530-668-0691

LLACE AMER. SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS, 1pm, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

LUKE BREIT, 2pm, Carol's Books, 5964 S. Land Park Dr., 443-3322

LUTHERANS CONCERNED SAC. CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6pm, call for location, 731-8887

PHYSICS OF TOYS, 12pm, Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon. St., SF, 415-561-0360

DR. WALTER O. EVANS, "Reflections on Collecting," 2pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

17 SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL, 11am, Plummer Pk., 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, 323-848-6460

GEORGIA LYGA, Why The Death Penalty Needs To Be Abolished, 9:30am, Forum Of Unitarian-Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 483-9283 ext. 208

SINNERS & SAINTS - ART INSPIRED BY BIBLICAL STORIES, 12pm & 2pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS, Nevada City, 800-655-6569

18 MONDAY

DR. WALTER O. EVANS COLLECTION ART TOUR, 6:30PM, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

DYKES OUT TOGETHER MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, 6pm, 726-7664

ELECTORAL COLLEGE PROTEST, 12pm, Capitol, 415-255-7296

GIRL GLASS HOLIDAY SALE, 11am, 2648 21st Ave., 455-7290

GLOW FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CRUISE, with Flamingo Freedom Band, 7:15pm, "Carrie B.," Riverwalk, 954-563-9500

"IN THE LIFE," 11pm, KVIE Channel 6, www.InTheLifeTV.org, 212-255-6012

SCIENCE FICTION READING GROUP, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS STORE, thru Dec. 21, 3414 Fourth Ave., 454-9688

20 WEDNESDAY

CHER CHATS ONLINE, 4pm, GayWired.com, **323-512-2920**

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS, Nevada City, 800-655-6569

WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

Master Events Calendar

Sacramento AIDS Foundation Let The Miracles Begin, 448-AIDS ..... December 2000
M.H. de Young Art Gallery Closes Until 2005, 415-750-3614 ..... December 31, 2000
Real Women Project, realwomenproject.com ..... January 20-22, 2001
Sacramento Jazz Jubilee ..... May 25-28, 2001
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650 ..... June 14-24, 2001
San Francisco Pride, 415-864-0931.....June 23-24, 2001
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766 ..... August 8-13, 2001
Sierra Stampede, 978-4040 ..... August 18-20, 2001
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com ..... August 25, 2001
Rainbow Festival 2001, 448-7798 ..... Labor Day Weekend
Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247 ..... September 23, 2001 SF
Gay Games ..... November 2002
Breast Cancer Awareness Month ..... October
Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354 ..... October 1, 2001, Market and Castro, SF
National Coming Out Day ..... October 11, 2001
Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival ..... October 11-14, 2001
MGW Newspaper 22nd Anniversary Celebration ..... November 2001
Election Day ..... November 7, 2001
Reverend Ed Sheriff Day ..... November 7, 2001
Sacramento Domestic Partners Law Anniversary 1992 ..... November 16, 2001
Harvey Milk & George Moscone Killed ..... November 27
World AIDS Day, 448-AIDS ..... December 1, 2001

21 THURSDAY

JAZZ MUSICIAN CAROL J. TOCA, 5:30pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO NIGHT, 6pm, The Depot, 2001 K St., jab9876@home.com

SHOP WHILE YOU DROP OFF YOUR KIDS WORKSHOP, 10am, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

22 FRIDAY

CODEPENDENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

SHOP WHILE YOU DROP OFF YOUR KIDS WORKSHOP, 10am, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

23 SATURDAY

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES, film program, Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-561-0360

GIRL GLASS HOLIDAY SALE, 11am, 2648 21st Ave., 455-7290

24 SUNDAY

AFRICAN AMERICAN NATIVITY, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St., SF, 415-474-8800

GIRL GLASS HOLIDAY SALE, 11am, 2648 21st Ave., 455-7290

27 WEDNESDAY

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611

WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

28 THURSDAY

BIBLE BELT TOUR, 6pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

LUTHERAN'S CONCERNED SAC. OFFICERS MEETING, 7:30pm, call for location, 332-6875

29 FRIDAY

CODEPENDENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

31 SUNDAY

01.01.01: AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE, 8pm, SF Grand Hyatt, 345 Stockton St., www.bacw.org

A CAPITAL NEW YEAR, 7pm, CA State Railroad Museum, 111 I St., 480-5900

CAPITAL CROSSROADS NEW YEAR'S EVE PREPARTY, 6pm, country western dance tent & buffet, 20th & St., 452-1119

FACES & THE DEPOT NEW YEAR'S EVE BLOCK PARTY, 8pm, 20th & K St., 448-7798

GIL LESTER TRIO & FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT SIX-COURSE DINNER, 5pm, 1112 Second St., Old Sac., 442-4772

MELONNEE DESIREE, 9:30pm, Elk Grove Brewery, 9085 Elk Grove Blvd., 456-8134

NEW YEAR'S EVE TEA CUP TOUR, 1pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423

OPHIR PRISON BAND & SAC. LIVING HISTORY CHARACTERS, 8:30pm, Old Sac., 558-3912

QSWING DANCE & DJ BIG BEA, 9pm, First Unitarian Church, 685 14th St., Oakland, 510-535-1323

SKY CONCERT, 10pm, Old Sac. Waterfront, 558-3912

January

2 TUESDAY

UPPER SUNRISE HIKE, meet at Fish Hatchery parking lot, 8am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

3 WEDNESDAY

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611

WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

4 THURSDAY

LONG BEACH POLICE RECRUIT EXAMINATION, Long Beach Convention Center, 562-570-7126

MACWORLD EXPO, thru Jan. 8, Moscone Center, 747 Howard St., SF, 415-974-4000

SOULFORCE & DIGNITY/USA PROTEST, Vatican, Rome, 949-455-0999

REAL YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

"Homage to Black Women Poets" by Elizabeth Catlett is a piece in the Dr. Walter O. Evans African American Art Collection showing at Crocker Art Museum.

5 FRIDAY

CA STATE HOME & GARDEN SHOW, thru Jan. 7, Sac. Convention Center, 1400 J St., 650-359-5999

YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

6 SATURDAY

BEARS, CLAWS, AND JAWS, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, 9:30am, River City High School, 1100 Clarendon St., West Sac., 733-2135

LGBT SIERRANS SKI, Sugarbowl, 415-551-0945

STAMP FAIR, thru Jan. 7, 10am, Kings of Columbus Hall, 5961 Newman Ct., 800-783-7589

7 SUNDAY

LINDA BIRNER, 4pm, Lutheran's Concerned Sac., call for location, 731-8887

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CALENDAR

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Art Galleries

THE ANDERSON GRAPHIC ARTS COLLECTION; An American Focus, thru Dec. 31; CA Palace of the Legion of Honor, 415-750-3620
ART CENTER GALLERY; 1402 I St., Modesto, 209-529-3369
ART FOUNDRY GALLERY; Fernando Reyes & Vicki Asp, thru Jan. 6; A Visual Feast. thru Jan. 6; 1021 R St., 444-2787
ASHCAN GALLERY; 6005 Auburn Blvd., 729-8246
THE ART FOUNDRY GALLERY; 1021 R St., 444-ARTS
BARTON GALLERY; 1723 I St., 443-4025.
BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Wolfgang Laib/Matrix 188, thru Dec. 17; The Further Eye: Painting Of India, thru Feb. 18; Face Of Buddha: Sculptire From India, China, japan, And Southeast Asia, thru 2003; Tacita Dean/MATRIX 189, theu Jan. 28; Tall Landscapes Of The Late Ming, Dec. 8-Feb.18; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208
BLOOMING ART; Kiny McCarrick, thru Jan. 20; 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800
CALIFORNIA PALACE LEGION OF HONOR; An American Focus: The Anderson Graphic Arts Collection, thru Dec. 31; Old Master Prints from the Berolzheimer Collection; thru Jan. 10; Lincoln Park, 34th Ave. & Clemont St., 415-750-7645
CHROMA GALLERY; Merry Chroma!, thru Jan. 7; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., 966-6020
COFFEEWORKS; 3418 Folsom Blvd., 631-3267
CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Chinese Porcelain in the Ballroom, thru Dec. 31; Armin Muller and Paul Stein, thru Jan. 28; Dr. Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art, Dec. 16-Feb. 25; 216 O St., 264-5423
CSUS; Linda Katzdom, Emilio Saltero, Maria Winkler, thru Dec. 15; Fire & Form: The Painting of Foad Satterfield, thru Dec. 8; March Fong Eu, thru Dec. 14; 6000 J St., 278-2787
DAVID ADEN GALLERY; 350 Sunset Ave., Venice Beach, 310-396-2949
DOIRON GALLERY; Duane Hoskins & Deidre Daugherty, thru Jan. 10; 1625 Del Paso Blvd., 564-4433
EXCENTRIQUE FUNCTIONAL ART GALLERY; 1409 R St., 446-1786
GALERIA DE LA RAZA; 2857 24th St., SF, 415-826-8009
GALLERY 8; David Wetzl, thru Dec. 16; 2906 Franklin Blvd, 442-5030
THE GEFFEN CONTEMPORARY; Paul McCarthy, thru Jan. 21, 2001; 152 N. Central Ave., LA, 213-621-2766
LAMBDA CENTER; Noel R. Nelson, thru Dec. 17; 1927 L St., 442-0185
MATRIXARTS; 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118
THE MEXICAN MUSEUM; Chicanos En Mictlan: Dia De Los Muertos In California, thru Dec. 31; Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D, SF, 415-202-9700
MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY; Great Things In Small Packages, thru Dec. 24; Galelyn Williams, thru Dec. 24; acme25, Jan. 9-Feb. 10; 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7896
M.H. DE YOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM; Pan American Unity Exhibit: Exploring the Mural by Diego Rivera, thru Dec. 31; Concept Plan by Herzog & de Meuron, thru Dec. 31; Wedding Dresses from the Permanent Collection thru Dec. 31; John Gutmann, thru Dec. 31; Kingdoms of Edward Hicks, thru Dec. 31; Great Nature: The Transcedent Landscapes of Chiura Obata, thru Dec. 31; Important Acquisitions for the New de Young, thru Dec. 31; Golden Gate Park, 415-750-3614.
MOCA MUSEUM; Stan Douglas, thru Apr. 1; Bruce Conner, thru Dec. 31; 250 South Grand Ave., LA, 213-621-2766
ONE CAPITAL CENTER; Tom Monteith, thru Jan. 12; 3100 Zinfandel Dr., Rancho Cordova, 638-0242
THE OPEN BOOK; Mike Kelly, thru Dec. 30; 910 21st St., 498-1004
PHANTOM GALLERY; Old Goodwill Bid., 2308 Del Paso Blvd., 922-2787
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; From The Time Of Mozart, thru Dec. 15; Alice Street Revisted, thru Dec. 15; Artists' Benefit Valentine's Exhibit, Jan. 22-Feb. 10; 124 Art Building, UC Davis, 530-752 8500.
SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER; International Exhibition Of Watercolors, Jan. 3-28; 5330-B Gibbons Drive, 917-3713, sfac@cwnet.com
SAN FRANCISCO MOMA; Celebrating Modern Art: The Anderson Collection, thru Jan. 31; Waren Sonbert, thru Dec. 17; 01.01.01: Art In Technological Times, Jan. 1; Native to the Land: Photography and the North American Indian, 1870-1930, Jan. 27-June 12; Rachael Neubauer & Kathryn Van Dyke, Feb. 2-June 12; 151 Third St., San Francisco, 415-357-4000
SECOND SATURDAY ART WALKS; Most galleries, Jan. 13; 929-7896
SOLOMAN DUBNICK GALLERY; Packaged Time: Reflections Of The Golden Section & Linda Welch, thru Dec. 30; Adela Akers & Jan Camp, Jan. 4-Feb. 3; Mark Bryan & Mick Sheldon, Feb. 8- Mach 3; Richard Duning & C.W. Hurni, March 8-31; Group Show, April 5-May 5; 2131 Nothrop Ave., 920-4547
STILL LIFE GALLERY & GIFTS; Liana Baily-Crimmins & Ernie Long, thru Jan. 12; 2231 J St., 446-6786
THE URBAN HERBALIST; Susanne George & Mary Bear Schubauer, thru Dec. 30; 1729 L St., 447-4372
VIEWPOINT GALLERY; Members Juried Exhibit, thru Jan. 5; Visual Edge Juried Exhibit, Jan. 12-Feb. 23; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

PRUNING CLINIC, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

8 MONDAY

AN EVENING WITH JANE ALEXANDER, 8pm, UC Davis Freeborn Hall, 530-752-1915
CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664
TRANSGENDERISM IN HISTORY CLASS, 7pm, Lavender Library & Archives, 1414 221st St., 492-0558

9 TUESDAY

DAVIS/SAC WOMEN'S SONG CIRCLE, 7pm, location to be announced, joplinlc@aol.com, 530-756-2541
TOM MINER, 12pm, Central Library, 828 I St., 264-5558

10 WEDNESDAY

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

12 FRIDAY

CODEPENDENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185
DYKES OUT TOGETHER LITERARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 7pm, 451-7191
PHOENIX, AZ LGBT RODEO, thru Jan 14, www.agra-phx.com
YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

13 SATURDAY

DAVIS/SAC WOMEN'S SONG CIRCLE, 7pm, location to be announced, joplinlc@aol.com, 530-756-2541
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, thru Jan. 15, Yerba Buena Gardens, 2nd & 5th St., SF, 510-268-3777
DYKES OUT TOGETHER MOVIES & POTLUCK, 5pm, 726-7664
LGBT SIERRANS HIKE, Folsom Lake, 663-3560
NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY "TEASER," with David Rosen, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

14 SUNDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER GOLDEN STATE MUSEUM, 1pm, 451-7191
WALK ON THE WILD SIDE, with docents Dottie & Linda, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

Liana Baily-Crimmins will show her art through January 12 at Still Life Gallery And Gifts.

17 WEDNESDAY

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

18 THURSDAY

DOCENT TRAINING CLASS, 19 week course, 2200 Front St., 442-6802
KRANDALL KRAUSS, "Love's Last Chance," Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004
REAL YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437
VOLUNTEER AND DOCENT ORIENTATION, 9am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

19 FRIDAY

FORGIVENESS WORKSHOP, by Maria Nemeth & Julie Bowden, Mount Madonna Center, 445 Summit Rd., Watsonville, 408-847-0406
YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

20 SATURDAY

A RARE EVENT BOOK SHOW & SALE, thru Jan. 21, 10am, Sac. Convention Center, 1400 J St., 443-6223
ASPEN, CO LGBT SKI WEEKEND, Aspen Gay And Lesbian Community Fund, thru Jan. 27, 800-367-8290, www.ColoradoGay.com
AUSTRIA GAY SKI WEEK, Above & Beyond Tours, thru Jan. 27, Katschberg, Germany, 800-397-2681
CAPITAL CITY SQUARES WORKSHOP & DANCE, 2:30pm, Jefferson Elementary School, 2635 Chestnut Hill Dr., www.iagsdc.org/capitalcitysquares
CLUB ACME, DJ house music, 10pm, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7896
PLANTS AND THE MAIDU PEOPLE, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918
WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT WITH DUVAL SPECK, 7pm, Cafe Roma, 223 Third St., Davis, 530-756-8269

21 SUNDAY

COLD-BLOODED CREATURES, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918
HABITAT IMPROVEMENT, 8pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 967-0777, 489-4918

22 MONDAY

CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664
HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546
TRANSGENDERISM IN HISTORY CLASS, 7pm, Lavender Library & Archives, 1414 221st St., 492-0558

23 TUESDAY

VOLUNTEER AND DOCENT TRAINING, thru March 15, 9am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

24 WEDNESDAY

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611
SF BALLET GALA OPENING, 8pm, War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave., 415-864-2000
STARHAWK, 7:30pm, UC Davis WRRC, First Floor, N. Hall, 520-752-3372
SWITZERLAND LGBT SKI WEEKEND, Above & Beyond Tours, thru Jan. 21, Engelberg, Switzerland, 800-397-2681, www.AboveBeyondTours.com
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

25 THURSDAY

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH INTL. FILM FESTIVAL, Yerba Buena Center For The Arts, SF, 923-0222
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26 FRIDAY

YOUTH GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

27 SATURDAY

RAFAL KWIATKOWSKI, cellist, 8pm, UC Davis Social Sciences & Humanities Bldg. Room 100. 530-752-1915
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

28 SUNDAY

RAPTOR RAPTURE, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

Rebecca Riots, a Berkeley folk-rock trio, will join Duval Speck at Women's Music Night on January 20.

29 MONDAY

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Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

24th STREET THEATRE; Lambda Players present Lesbian Laugh Fest, May 12; 2791 24th St., 452-3005, 366-3904
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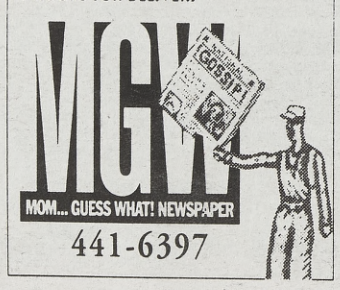

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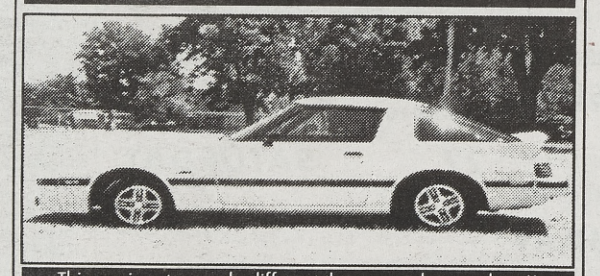

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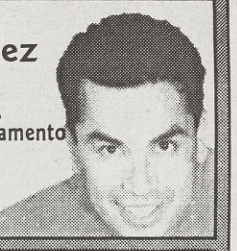

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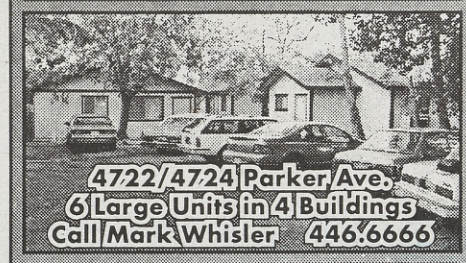

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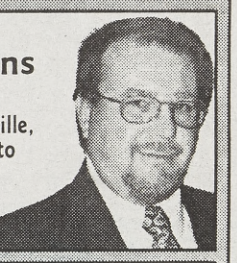

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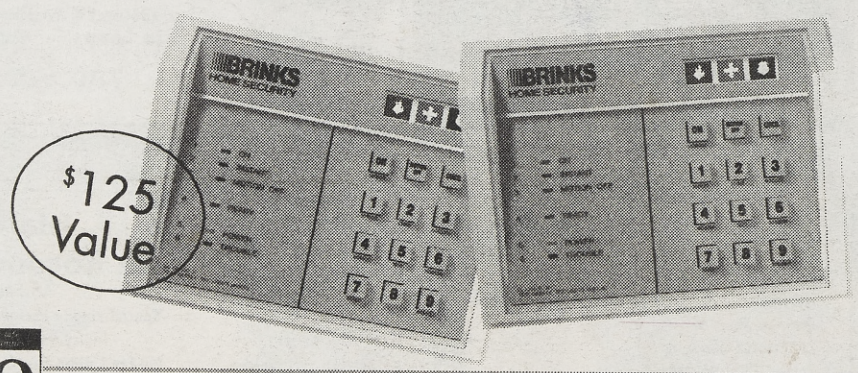

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